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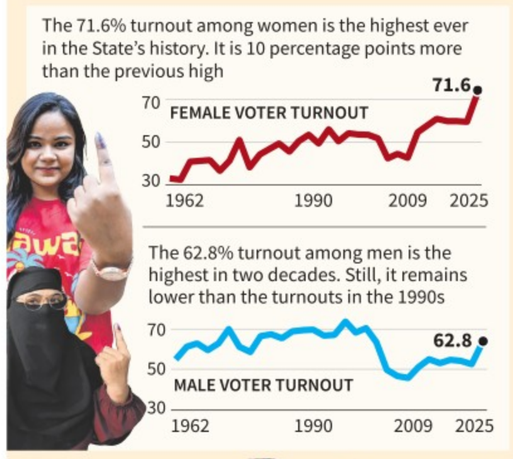
Record women turnout

In the 2025 Bihar elections, about 4.34 lakh more women cast their votes than men. This was despite the fact that the number of registered male electors exceeded female electors by over 42 lakh

	Female	Male	Difference
Electors (absolute)	3,51,45,791	3,93,79,366	-42,33,575
Electors (% of total)	47.2%	52.8%	-
Voters (absolute)	2,51,64,386	2,47,30,242	4,34,144
Voters (% of total)	50.4%	49.6%	-



The 71.6% turnout among women is the highest ever in the State's history. It is 10 percentage points more than the previous high

The 62.8% turnout among men is the highest in two decades. Still, it remains lower than the turnouts in the 1990s

Overall turnout (%)

66.91

SOURCE: EC

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Delhi blast toll hits 13; Pulwama doctor likely sole car occupant

Home Ministry hands over probe to NIA; multiple raids that had led to the arrest of two of his colleagues may have pushed suspect to act sooner; 'powerful explosives' used in blast; police collect DNA from family to match with remains found in car

Vijaita Singh
Alisha Dutta
NEW DELHI

As the death toll in the Red Fort blast rose to 13 on Tuesday, a doctor from Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir has emerged as the likely sole occupant of the car which exploded in the national capital on Monday, senior government officials told *The Hindu*.

Initial investigation seems to suggest that the explosives went off sooner than planned by the suspect and did not cause as much damage as it could have, as he was under pressure due to police raids that had already led to the arrest of two of his colleagues.

On Tuesday, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs handed over the probe to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The doctor, identified as Umar Nabi, was teaching at the Al-Falah University in Faridabad, near Delhi. He was killed in the explosion, officials said. His family said that he left Kashmir in 2024. A preliminary probe had found that "powerful explosives" were used in the blast, whose impact was so strong that none of Dr. Nabi's body parts could be retrieved from the car. The J&K police had collected DNA samples from his family which would be matched with the remains found in the burnt car.

He had possibly been trying to escape a raid by the J&K, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh police, which has led to the arrest of eight over the past 15 days, including three doctors.

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Closer look: Investigators collecting evidence from the Delhi blast site on Tuesday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Woman doctor held in terror module case

NEW DELHI
The Red Fort car blast was preceded by a 20-day probe by the J&K Police to find a "terror module" linked to Jaish-e-Mohammed and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind. A woman identified as Dr. Shaheen Saeed had also been arrested in the case, making her the eighth accused in the case. » PAGE 13

SC issues notice to EC on pleas against SIR

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday interrogated Opposition parties, leaders, and NGOs for their negative portrayal of the Election Commission's special intensive revision (SIR) of poll rolls, including their claims that the exercise amounts to "citizenship screening" in disguise and threatens to disenfranchise lakhs of voters.

Several petitions

The Bench issued notice to the Election Commission on petitions filed by the DMK and other pleas challenging the constitutionality of the exercise.

It listed the case for hearing on November 26.

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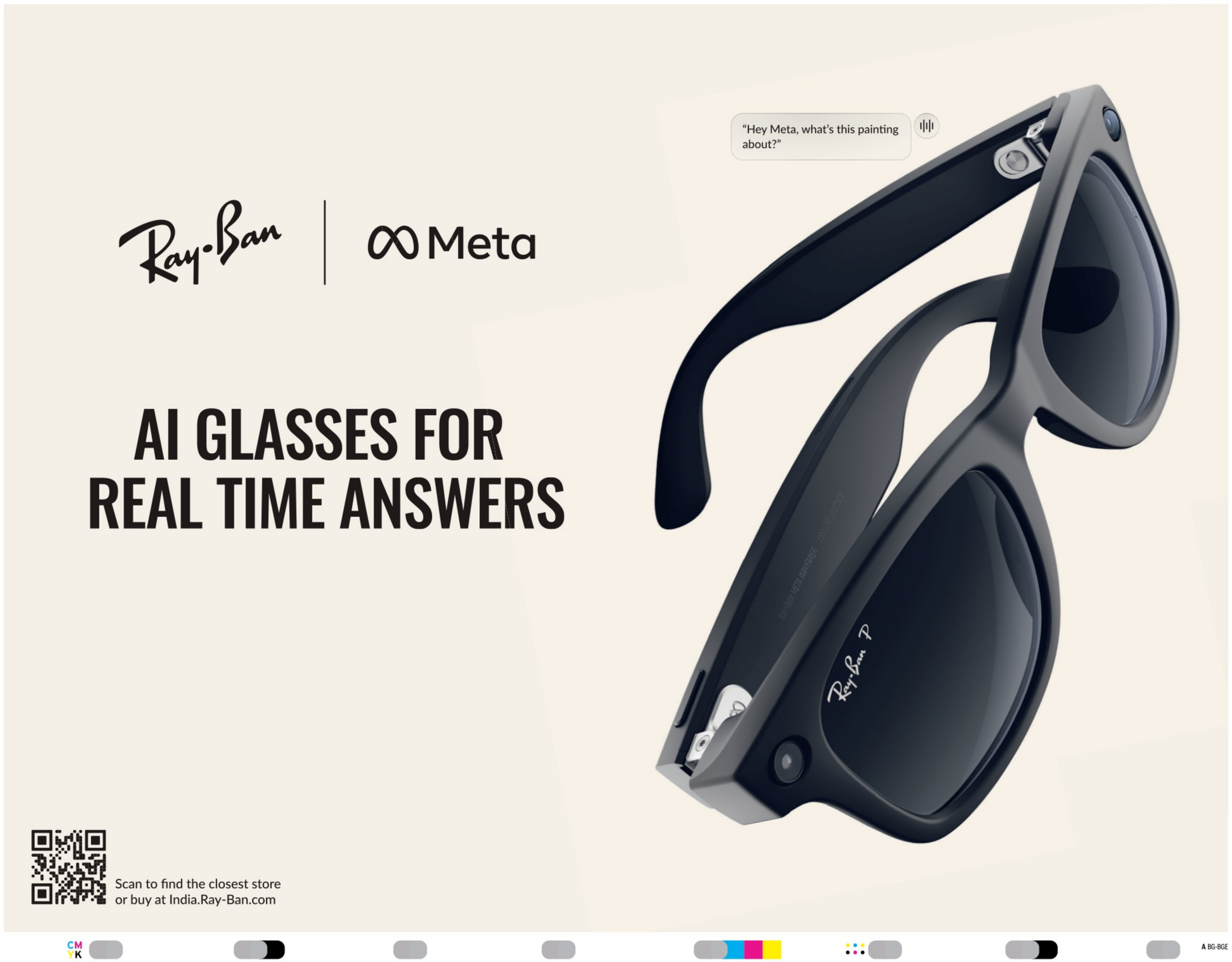

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I like to play chess, of course, and I don't see any serious alternative

The veteran Ukraine star feels all the Indian players are different; says the current World champion Gukesh is quite an interesting player, though not so stable; hopes to play in the World Cup again; praises the facilities at the event in Goa

INTERVIEW

Vasyl Ivanchuk

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

On that wintry evening of 2000 in New Delhi's Hyatt Regency, the talking point of the World chess championship was the defeat of Vassily Ivanchuk to Jaan Ehlvest of Estonia. The sixth-seeded Ukrainian was the biggest name to fall that day. But that wasn't the only reason why their encounter made news. After his defeat, Ivanchuk banged his chair.

Things have changed a bit for both the men since. Ehlvest now plays for the United States. Ivanchuk has changed his first name from Vasyl (the Ukraine spelling) from Vassily.

There is one constant though: Ivanchuk remains as emotional. He also continues to be regarded as one of the greatest chess players in history never to win the World championship. He was the World No. 2 on multiple occasions and has been the World champion in rapid and blitz formats. He has also won some of the most prestigious tournaments in international chess like Linares and Wijk aan Zee.

His most recent visit to India proved as disappointing as the one 25 years ago in Delhi. He was knocked by the American Sam Shankland in the second round, but this time around he was kinder to the furniture.

Despite his early exit from the competition, Ivanchuk was game enough to take questions from reporters at the World Cup. And he answered questions on a variety of topics.

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On how he prepared for the World Cup

I prepared some lines, but my preparation wasn't so good, unfortunately, probably, especially from the psychological side. In openings, I was more or less prepared, but psychologically it is more difficult. I made my conclusions and I have very big hope to play in the World Cup again.

On the conditions of the World Cup, about which Ian Nepomniachtchi wasn't too pleased

Excellent, excellent! I just want to say thank you to the organisers, to the players, the correct atmosphere, to the arbiters of course. I have no complaints. I can only say thank you to everybody, especially those who supported me.

On what keeps him going at 56, while Viswanathan Anand, to whom he finished runner-up at the World junior championship in 1987, was in Goa as FIDE's deputy president

I am not so strong in organising like Vishy. So probably because of this, I have no big choice. And because of this, I am still playing chess. I like to play chess, of course, and I don't see any serious alternative to it: what to do if I don't play chess.

On streaming his analyses of chess games from the bunker during Russia's invasion of Ukraine

I would be happy to continue it, but in that period, some people helped me in the technical part and now there is nobody to help me with it. I cannot do it technically myself.

If somebody would help me, I would be happy to do it again, analyse many matches, many games, and express my opinion. But I am not strong in technology, I need somebody to help me.

On life in Ukraine following the Russian invasion and the continuing war

I don't want to speak about this because it is not so easy for me. It is a very difficult period for Ukraine, and also for me.

On playing the World rapid championship in Doha, where he had won the same event in 2016

Because of many reasons, I am not playing as strong now as I was in 2016. But I will try to prepare myself for this championship.

On the story about him carrying a chessboard and playing and analysing games with random people at the hotel lobby

That is very likely true because I like to analyse. Almost anybody I can analyse with; it is quite usual for me.

On the emergence of new generation of players from countries like India and Uzbekistan

All the Indian players are different, as are those from Uzbekistan. So I don't think there is any special Indian school or Uzbekistan school of chess. Arjun Erigaisi and Vidit Gujrathi, for instance, are very different players. And R. Praggnanandhaa is another, different type of player. They are really fighters on the board and I like to follow their games and of course, I can discover many interesting things for myself from looking at their games. And of course, Gukesh, the current World champion, is quite an interesting player, though not so stable. But he has had big successes.

On the tragic death of Daniel Narotidsky, with whom he had played at the World blitz championship in New York.

It is an incredible tragedy for the chess world, and of course for his parents and his family, his relatives. I am not a person who knows him quite well. I played that game in New York (at the World blitz championship), and before that I played against him only one game online. I don't remember that the time control was, maybe three plus one, something like that.

I don't remember the game, but I remember that I had a much better position. I played with white, I had much better, probably even winning position, but finally I lost by time or by blunder. But I never really spoke with him.

Well, after the World championship in New York, I had a chess lecture. Maxim Dlugy had organised it in his club. After I finished this lecture I saw Daniel Naroditsky; I just said hello to him. The last time I met him was in Samarkand, where he was the second of Alireza Firouzja for the Grand Swiss tournament. I saw him during dinner, and I was with my second Almas Rakhmatullaev.

I didn't speak with Daniel as his table was far from mine. I could not have imagined that I was seeing him for the last time

As for our game, it was an interesting one. He had surprised me in the opening and it was a very complicated game. I tried to analyse the game, even with Garry Kasparov on Skype, about the opening. There were many mistakes, as it was a blitz game. At some moment, I was totally winning, but I lost at the end by time or by mistake. Well, of course, I was too stressed after this. I am very sorry for my behaviour at that time, and I hope I never repeat such things.

As for Daniel, I think the best present for him now is just to see his games, just analyse them, find interesting ideas and admire his talent and creativity.

Corporation and police at odds over white-topped roads

Civic body demands accountability from Bengaluru Traffic Police for road damage; we are no quality assurers, reply police

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

White-topped roads, which are intended to offer a smoother commuting experience for Bengaluru's citizens, have instead turned into a battleground between the East City Corporation and the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP).

For over a month now, several neighbourhoods in East Bengaluru, particularly around Balagere, have been choked during peak hours, with commuters left with very few road options. The primary reason: the closure of a key stretch for ongoing white-topping work on Panathur Road.

Since the first week of October, the entire stretch, including all entry points from connecting roads, has been barricaded by the BTP. Although it was scheduled to reopen on November 1, the deadline was missed. Adding to the chaos, more than five roads within a 10-km radius of this crucial stretch are also closed for similar works. The traffic restriction on the Panathur Road has forced commuters, especially during peak hours, to seek any possible alternative routes, the latest being a mud track, which went viral on social media, that is not even a proper road.

The real problem for the civic body arose when commuters began using a freshly white-topped 2-km stretch between Balagere T. Cross and Panathur RUB before the curing period was complete. FILE PHOTO

Blame game

The real problem for the civic body arose when commuters began using a freshly white-topped 2-km stretch between Balagere T. Cross and Panathur RUB before the curing period was complete. Road users moved the barricades, removed safety fences, and started using the road prematurely.

Frustrated by this, the East City Corporation wrote to the Whitefield Traffic Police, stating, "If the road suffers damage or deteriorates before the end of the Defect Liability Period (DLP), the BTP must take accountability, as vehicles have been using the stretch."

In response, the BTP said, "We have been regulating traffic, but apartment residents continue to use the lane. We are responsible for traffic regulation, not quality assurance."

Defence

An engineer from the East City Corporation explained that the quality of white-topped roads depends not only on the quality of laying, but also on effective curing. "Without proper curing, if vehicles use the road, the pressure affects the surface quality. The Civic body works are often labelled as poor, and if this road deteriorates, we'll be blamed even after doing our part," the engineer said.

A senior police officer told *The Hindu* that while the BTP had blocked the main road with barricades, smaller link roads from nearby apartments caused the issue. "There are over five apartment complexes along the stretch whose residents have no other routes due to poor connectivity. When the white-topping work was delayed, they grew frustrated and started removing barricades to use the road," the officer explained.

"We can deploy officers only on the main stretch, not at every apartment road. Quality engineers from the civic body are present daily and could restrict the movement, but they expect us to do it," he added.

The issue might not have arisen at all had there been better coordination among civic parastatals, the very reason the Greater Bengaluru Authority and smaller corporations were created.

The delay in white-topping is primarily due to last-minute works taken up by the Bescom and KPTCL. This event also highlights the consequences of poor road networks, a persistent challenge in areas beyond the Outer Ring Road, Bengaluru's tech corridor.

Panathur Road closure extends peak hours on HAL Airport Road

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

The closure of Panathur Road has had a knock-on effect, extending peak hours on HAL Airport Road by nearly an hour, as more than half of the Panathur Road commuters have shifted to this route, according to the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP).

The Panathur Road will remain closed for at least the next 10 days. The brunt of this will also be borne by feeder roads connecting to the HAL Airport Road, such as Kundalahalli Main Road and Vibgyor School Road.

Following the closure of the Panathur Road for traffic, the Marathahalli main road in Bengaluru is witnessing bumper-to-bumper traffic. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Only alternative

Sahil Bagla, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic), East, explained that the HAL Airport Road runs parallel to Panathur Road and serves as the only alternative for commuters travelling from the city towards Varthur, Whitefield, and beyond.

"For instance, tech professionals working in Bellandur, Kaadubeesanahalli, and along the Outer Ring Road, usually take the Panathur Road to reach Varthur and Whitefield. Even commuters from the Central Bengaluru heading towards Balagere and Bellandur Amanikere use the Panathur Road. Now, all this traffic has been diverted to the HAL Airport Road, between Marathahalli Bridge and Varthur Kodi," he said. Mahima Purohit, an employee at a start-up in Indiranagar, who commutes from Nallurahalli, said her evening journey now takes nearly 1 hour and 40 minutes, up from about an hour earlier.

Marathahalli Bridge

"It takes more than 20 minutes just to cross the Marathahalli Bridge. The number of cars on the stretch has increased drastically," she told *The Hindu*.

Srinidhi, another commuter who passes through the Marathahalli Bridge, echoed the same concern, noting that the Panathur Road closure has also worsened traffic congestion on the Outer Ring Road during peak hours.

Mr. Bagla and an officer from the HAL Police Station confirmed that both morning and evening peak hours have been extended by nearly an hour. "Now, the morning rush lasts until 12 p.m., and the evening one until 10 p.m.," they said. When the work began, the civic body had promised completion by November 1, but incessant rains slowed the progress. Further delays occurred after the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) began their works along the stretch.

According to an officer, better coordination between these agencies could have prevented much of the delay.

Now, the civic body has completed laying the road and started curing works. A senior official from the East City Corporation said, "At least 14 days of curing are required, though traffic police are pushing to reopen in 10 days."

"We'll assess the condition of the road before deciding when to open it," the official added.

Conference on multiple pregnancies begins on Nov. 14

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Fetal Medicine Centre, under the aegis of the Fetal and Gynae Imaging and Research Institute, will be organising 'Multiple Insights: From Conception to Cradle', an international conference dedicated to multiple pregnancies, at Clarks Exotica Resort in Bengaluru from November 14 to 16. It will bring together leading national and international experts in reproductive medicine, maternal and fetal medicine, genetics, and neonatology to deliberate on evidence-based care and emerging innovations in managing twins, triplets, and higher-order gestations. It will highlight the need for a multidisciplinary approach in ensuring maternal and neonatal well-being.

'Rising cases of obesity among govt. school students'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There is a rising prevalence of obesity in children in Karnataka owing to changes in nutritional habits, said Indumati Kamshetty, Deputy Director (RBSK, RKSK, NPPCd), government of Karnataka.

Speaking at a workshop on 'adolescent health and immunisation', organised by the University of Mysore and UNICEF, she noted that in contradiction to the earlier trends where malnutrition was commonly seen among students in government schools, obesity was being widely reported off late. Ms. Kamshetty also threw light on the changing patterns in the factors contributing to teenage pregnancies.

"If earlier child marriage was one of the biggest reasons behind teenage pregnancy, elopement is the new challenge. Social media and the influence of online content on youngsters play a major role in this," she said.

On a positive note, Ms. Kamshetty highlighted the reduction in anaemia cases among adolescents in the State. However, she pointed out the huge gender disparity in nutritional access that made girls more vulnerable to anaemia than boys. As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), approximately 58.4% of girls aged 15 to 19 in the State are anaemic, while the number was only 31.1% in boys of the same age group. Speaking about the regional variations in child marriage trends, substance misuse, and so on, Ms. Kamshetty also spoke about the importance of customised policies and schemes.

Sridhar Prahlad Ryavanki, UNICEF Health Specialist stressed the importance of raising awareness on cervical cancer. Speaking about risk factors for cervical cancer, he listed out early age (below 18) of sexual activity, multiple sexual partners, having a full pregnancy before the age of 17, having three or more full-term pregnancies, smoking, and prolonged use of contraceptives as some of the reasons.

Given cervical cancer is the second most prevalent cancer among women in India, Mr. Ryavanki underlined the importance of administering the HPV vaccine to adolescents between 9 and 14 years as a preventive measure.

It is also crucial for women over 30 years to get screened for pre-cancer, upon identification of which, preventive measures would still be effective, he said.

Corporation Commissioners want ongoing sterilisation programme for strays expedited

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a bid to strengthen stray dog management and comply with the recent Supreme Court directives, the Bengaluru City Corporation Commissioners directed officials to expedite the ongoing sterilisation and vaccination programmes within the corporation limits.

Commissioners of West, Central, and South Corporations held a review meeting on Tuesday and directed immediate implementation of the apex court directions.

Central City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra Cholan directed his department to collect detailed data on street dogs, especially near schools, hospitals, and public spaces. South City Corporation Commissioner K.N. Ramesh also issued the same directions to officials. The City Corporations have asked officials to identify suitable sterilisation and care centres, and to invite Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from animal welfare groups for managing shelters. The Commissioner stressed strict compliance with the Supreme Court directions on stray dog management and public safety. There are 63,340 community dogs within the West City Corporation limits. Two ABC-ARV centres, one in each zone, are currently operational, with a combined capacity of 171 kennels. The centres, managed by two service providers, have so far conducted 4,068 sterilisation surgeries and administered 27,581 anti-rabies and combination vaccinations. West City Commissioner K.V. Rajendra instructed officials to improve operational efficiency and ensure full compliance with the standards set by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) and the Supreme Court.

The city corporations have asked officials to identify suitable sterilisation and care centres, and to invite Expressions of Interest from animal welfare groups for managing shelters. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Mr. Rajendra also urged officials to encourage adoption drives for dogs housed in long-term care facilities and to identify specific public spaces for dog feeding in consultation with local communities.

He stressed the importance of conducting public awareness programmes to inform citizens about the department's initiatives and directed that pending payments related to the ABC-ARV programmes be cleared promptly. The Commissioner noted that the City Corporation has an adequate stock of anti-rabies vaccines to meet public requirements.

EDUCATION HUB

A Business Initiative

Hon'ble Justice Aravind Kumar, Supreme Court Judge, Delivers 2nd Dr. K.C. Ramamurthy Endowment Lecture on Constitutional Governance at CMR University

CMR University organised the 2nd Dr. K.C. Ramamurthy Endowment Lecture on "Constitutional Governance". The lecture was delivered by the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aravind Kumar, Judge, Supreme Court of India. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. T.R. Subramanya, Dean, School of Legal Studies (SOLS), followed by the presidential address by Dr. Rajkumar Khatri, IAS (Retd.), Former Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aravind Kumar in his address highlighted how governance in India has evolved from monarchy and political authority to a modern constitutional system that safeguards citizens' rights and ensures accountability. Referring to pivotal Articles of the Constitution, he emphasized their role in upholding transparency, equality, and the rule of law and he drew parallels between Dharma and constitutional values–stressing that righteousness, equality, and justice remain the foundation of good governance. The lecture was graced by several distinguished dignitaries, including Dr. K.C. Ramamurthy, IPS (Retd.), Chairman, CMR Group of Institutions and CMR University, and Former Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Dr. Sabitha Ramamurthy, Chancellor, CMR University, Shri K.C. Jagannatha Reddy, Secretary, CMR Jnanadhara Trust, Dr. H.B. Raghavendra, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Praveen R, Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mohan Babu G.N., Registrar, and Dr. V.J. Praneshwaran, Director, SOLS, Justice Ashok Nijagannavar, Member of the Law Commission of Karnataka. Also in attendance were several designated senior counsel and former and sitting judges from the High Court of Karnataka.

Presidency University hosts Media Lit Fest, draws excellent response

The Media Lit Fest jointly organized by the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Media Studies at Presidency University drew more than a thousand students from schools, colleges and universities, including Reva University, Alliance University, St. Joseph's, Bengaluru City University, Nagarjuna College and other institutions. Competitions ran through the day across multiple venues, testing argumentation, creativity and media literacy. Faculty judges evaluated the contestants on the basis of clarity, originality, relevance and time management. The huge turnout affirmed growing interest in media literacy and liberal arts as a career option. The event was curated under the guidance of Dr.Vidya Shankar Shetty-Pro Vice Chancellor and successfully executed by Dr.Ashish Sharma-HOD School of Media Studies and Dr.Pritha Sanyal-HOD School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Acharya International Design Week 2025 – Where Ideas Took Shape

Acharya School of Design successfully hosted Acharya International Design Week 2025 (AIDW 2025) - a vibrant celebration of creativity, innovation, and design thinking. The week-long event brought together budding designers, industry professionals, and creative minds through expert talks, hands-on workshops, and competitions like Acharya Shark Tank and Rampage. AIDW 2025 served as a dynamic platform for students to present ideas, prototype solutions, and engage with leading experts, reflecting Acharya's vision of empowering learners to think, create, and transform. "Design is about shaping change, and AIDW 2025 embodied that spirit," said Prof. Syed Sheeraz Zaidi, Principal, Acharya School of Design. The event concluded with resounding enthusiasm, reaffirming Acharya's role as a hub for creative excellence and innovation-driven education.

Cambridge Institute of Technology, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru – Inauguration ceremony

Recently the inauguration ceremony of the AICTE-VAANI(Vibrant Advocacy for Advancement and Nurturing of Indian Languages) sponsored 3-Day Bilingual National Conference on "Smart Cities for the Future: Enhancing Sustainability through IoT and AI Integration" was held at Cambridge Institute of Technology,K.R.Puram,Bengaluru. The Chief Guest of the program was Dr. V. Ramachandra, President, Indian Concrete Institute and Principal Advisor - Tech, UltraTech Cements Ltd. The ceremony was also graced by Dr. N. Nagesh, Vice Principal and Head of the Department of ECE, Dr. Sandeep, Professor and Head of the Department of CSE(IoT & CS) and Dr. Shreekanth Prabhu, Professor , Head of the Department of CSE and Coordinator Dr.Vasantha M and Co-coordinator Dr.Girija V. Conference was aimed to provide a platform for researchers, academicians, industry professionals, and students to exchange knowledge and explore technological innovations shaping future-ready smart cities in bilingual mode.

Scientists map neural pathway linking stress to enhanced fears

Stress's benefits for the species come at the cost of long-term changes in defensive responses; for instance, it can exaggerate how you respond to a threat; if someone were attacked in a dark street, they could become afraid of any dark environment, like in movie theatres. This is called stress-enhanced fear learning

Reeteka Sud

In every living being through history, stress from a perceived threat has automatically and immediately triggered an avalanche of reactions.

'Fight or flight' is an example of the choices these life-forms have confronted. Every bodily function that is not essential for survival is moved to the sidelines as the being prepares to respond. All available resources are diverted to extricating oneself from the threatening situation. In this sense, stress has been good for the body and for the species.

Fear response

But it comes at a cost. Stress can also cause long term changes in defensive responses. For starters, it can exaggerate how you respond to a threat. If someone were attacked in a dark street, they could become afraid of any dark environment, like in movie theatres. This is called stress-enhanced fear learning.

Stress can also induce a fear of objects and situations unrelated to the original threat. This is called a stress-enhanced fear response (SEFR).

SEFR has been connected to anxiety disorders, phobias, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The question of why this connection exists recently prompted scientists at the University of Texas, Austin, and the University of California, Los Angeles, to closely investigate it in a mouse model.

They found that they were able to induce SEFR in the mice when they were confronted with new cues unrelated to a stressor. This then prompted the team to design careful experiments to identify the precise brain regions and mechanisms driving such behaviour, paving the way for better clinical treatments for conditions like PTSD.

Experimental setup

The team confined lab mice in a conditioning chamber, an aluminium box with a clear door and about a foot long on each side. The control group animals were undisturbed while the stress group was administered a mild electrical footshock (1 mA) at random intervals.

Then the team gave the mice context exposure: the two groups were placed in the same chamber but received no footshock this time. For mice that had received the shocks earlier in a similar chamber, their surroundings sufficed to trigger a freeze response, i.e., they became completely immobile yet hyper-alert.

Freezing is not a conscious choice and happens automatically.

Out in the wild, mice are prey animals, so their self-preservation repertoire includes freezing, fleeing, and simply hoping to avoid detection (e.g., from a predator flying overhead). In the conditioning chamber, the confinement only induced the freeze response.

Next, the team placed these mice in a different chamber, i.e. exposed them to a new context, where they received new stimuli in the form of brief sounds. Even here, the mice displayed a heightened freeze response – an example of unlearned fear and thus of SEFR at work.

Curiously, the stress group mice froze only after they heard the audio tones, not otherwise. It was a sign that the stress mice hadn't generalised the freeze response.

Follow the light

How does the brain develop unlearned fear?

The scientists peered into the brains of the stress group mice looking for a particular protein called c-fos. This protein is the "time to get to work" signal for brain cells. They found a part of a brain region called the paraventricular thalamus (PVT) expressing high amounts of c-fos after the audiotone test, but only in mice that received both the footshock on day 1 and the audio tone test later.

If the animals had not faced the footshocks on day 1 or had received the shocks but no audio tone test after, the amounts of c-fos didn't change. In other words, increases in c-fos in the PVT were specific to the unlearned fear response.

Learned fear behaviour allows us to respond appropriately to cues, but stressful or traumatic experiences can ratchet this response up in response to both learned and unlearned fears, as with PTSD. AEDRIAN SALAZAR/UNSPLASH

Freezing isn't a conscious choice and happens automatically. In the wild, mice are prey, so their self-preservation repertoire includes freezing and fleeing. In the conditioning chamber, the confinement only induced the freeze response

The PVT is named thus because it is a part of the thalamus and is localised around ("para") the third ventricle, one of the cavities inside the brain. The thalamus is a somewhat egg-shaped structure located roughly at the middle of the brain. All information coming into the brain first comes here and is then relayed to other regions for interpretation and response.

The research team suspected that the unlearned fear response stemmed from the PVT being activated, and sought a way to confirm this independently.

When the cells in any brain region prepare to act, they use calcium ions to signal to their neighbours to get ready. So the team injected a calcium-sensing protein genetically modified to light up when it detected calcium. Their observations confirmed that neurons in a part of the PVT were getting activated when the unlearned fear response was on show.

They also showed that when the activity in these neurons was blocked, the stress group mice did not develop the freezing response when exposed to the audio tones.

Remarkably, however, this blocking action didn't change the stress-enhanced fear learning in these mice, proving that the activation of PVT neurons was specific to SEFR.

When more is too much

The experiments by the international team showed that unlearned fear is caused by increased activity in PVT neurons. This is why the team's study is fascinating: the findings highlight that PVT fine-tunes different defensive responses differently.

For example, learned fear behaviour is adaptive, allowing us to respond appropriately to environmental cues. But stressful or traumatic experiences can ratchet this response up manifold in response to both learned, like in the dark movie theatre, and unlearned fears, as with PTSD.

In fact, unlearned fear responses have been particularly difficult to treat because scientists did not fully understand their causes. The new finding, of specific activity in the PVT neurons, may now lead them to new avenues to clinically treat symptoms.

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THE GIST

Fight or flight exemplifies the stress response. Every bodily function not linked to survival is moved to the sidelines. All available resources are diverted to extricating oneself from the threatening situation. In this sense, stress has been good for the body and the species

SEFR has been connected to anxiety disorders, phobias, and PTSD. Scientists were able to induce SEFR in mice and design experiments to identify the brain regions driving such behaviour, paving the way for better treatments for conditions like PTSD

Observations confirmed that neurons in the PVT activated when the unlearned fear response manifested. When it was blocked, the stress group didn't develop the freezing response. However, this blocking action didn't change SEFR, proving that activation of PVT neurons was specific to SEFR

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QUESTION CORNER

All plastics are not the same

Q. Why can we recycle only some kinds of plastics?

A: 'Plastics' is an umbrella term for various materials with some similar properties. Each type of plastic has a different polymer structure and set of additives. These differences decide how a piece of plastic behaves when it is heated, ground down, and remade, which is why only some kinds can be recycled in practice.

Thermoplastics like the PET in water bottles and HDPE in milk jugs soften when heated and harden when cooled. This property allows them to be melted, filtered, and reshaped with limited damage, so they are widely collected. Thermosets like the many epoxy resins and some rubber parts form permanent chemical bonds when they're first made. They crack rather than melt when heated, so they can't be recycled by normal heat-based methods.

Even among thermoplastics, recycling depends on purity. Labels, food residues, dyes, fillers, flame retardants, and plasticisers change how the melt flows and weakens the final product. Multilayer packaging combines different polymers (for example, PET, polyethylene, and aluminum) to keep food fresh, but these layers are hard to separate, so the item is often not recyclable.

Recycling happens only when there is a steady demand for the recycled pellets. STICKERIT/UNSPLASH

Collecting, sorting, washing, and remelting also cost money, so recycling happens only when there is a steady demand for the recycled pellets. Bottles and jugs have large and cleaner waste streams and established buyers whereas many films, foams, and mixed plastics don't. Newer chemical recycling methods can in principle break polymers to simpler molecules, but they are energy-intensive and not yet broadly deployed.

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The factors that keep a workforce engaged

The overriding message of a pan-India study titled 'Why We Work' is that professionals across the country seek a multidimensional reward system that combines financial security with respect, purpose and connection

Opportunities Desk

A nationwide study by EY Global Delivery Services and Avtar Group sought to explore the factors that motivate professionals to give it their best shot. At the top of the pyramid of needs is recognition. 'Why We Work', as the study is called, found recognition at the workplace to be the strongest motivating factor for 92% of Indian professionals. Tier 2 & 3 cities have the widest gender gap in valuing recognition, with 78% of women professionals prioritising it against only 58% of male professionals. In the final analysis, these professionals seek balance, one that ensures a multiplicity of needs are met.

A total of 10,255 respondents, across different industries and demographics and at various stages of their careers, participated in the pan-India study conducted between April and July 2025. Among them, 61% were men, 38% were women and 1% preferred not to specify their gender. The research captures the voices of professionals across generations - Gen X (14%), millennials (the largest respondent group at 69%), and Gen Z (16%). Respondents older than these demographics comprised 1% of the pool.

Key findings

India is shedding its "risk-averse" perception: 91% of respondents are eager to take on challenging assignments at work.

Learning desire is strongest in Gen X: only 28% of Gen X say continual upskilling is not important, versus 40% of millennials and 47% of Gen Z.

Gen Z seeks predictability: more than half (65%) want stable and predictable careers, compared with 60% of millennials and 53% of Gen X. The 'Why We Work' study highlights that today's Indian professionals are navigating careers shaped as much by uncertainty as by aspiration. AI, hybrid work, economic volatility, and global shocks have amplified risk - from fear of automation to questions of stability. Amid this turbulence, Indian professionals display strong resilience: seeking recognition, belonging and growth while upskilling, and stepping beyond comfort zones.

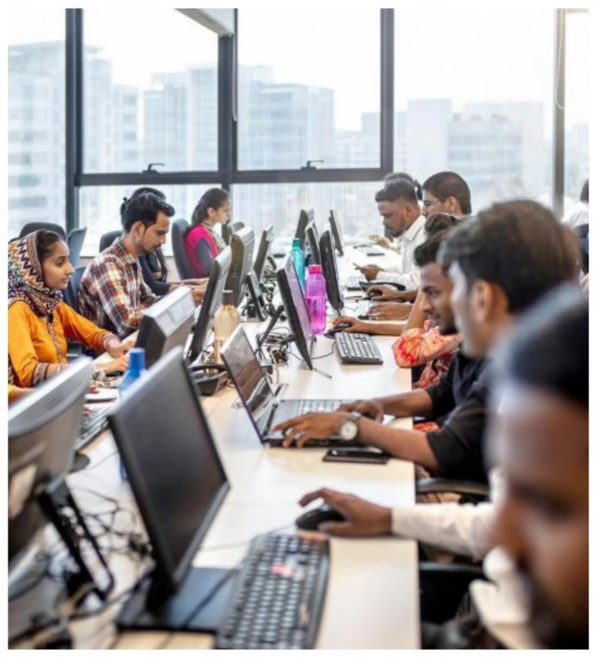
Ultimately, the balance lies in a multidimensional reward that combines financial security with respect, purpose, and connection.

The Risk-Resilience-Reward framework showcased in the report is a lens for leaders to understand what truly drives careers today: risk as the spark, resilience as the fuel, and reward as the outcome that sustains long-term engagement and growth.

Sandeep Kohli, deputy global vice chair - talent, at EY Global GDS, says, "The 'Why We Work' study captures a powerful shift in India's world of work. The organisations that will thrive are those that nurture this balance, where people feel seen, valued, and trusted to grow. That is the true currency of engagement in the new workplace."

Saundarya Rajesh, founder-president, Avtar Group, observes: "The 'Why We Work' study shows that for Indian professionals, work plays a central role in who they are, how they are seen, and what they are heading towards. With AI reshaping industries and creating some uncertainty around, resilience is vital.

To attract and retain talent, it is essential for leaders to build workplaces where people feel safe, recognised and energised by what they do."



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Number of people killed in suicide bombing in Islamabad

12 A suicide blast outside Islamabad's district court complex killed at least 12 people and injured 27, Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said. The explosion occurred near a police vehicle, sending panic across the area. No group has claimed responsibility yet. AFP

The rate of unemployment in the U.K.; highest since 2021

5 In per cent. Britain's unemployment rate climbed to 5% in the third quarter, its highest level since early 2021, according to the Office for National Statistics. The rise from 4.7% comes ahead of the Labour government's annual budget due on November 26, expected to include tax hikes amid weak growth. AFP

The share of Indians showing signs of high blood sugar

50 In per cent. An analysis of four million lab test reports by PharmEasy has revealed that one in two Indians tested showed high blood sugar levels, indicating widespread hyperglycaemia. Among those tested who had high blood sugar, 51.9% were men and 45.43 % were women. PTI

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What do forensic experts do after blasts?

What is the primary job of forensic experts in cases of blasts or explosions? How do they determine whether an explosion was intentional or accidental? What are some of the tests they conduct on the samples they collect from the site? Do multiple divisions of a forensic science laboratory collaborate?

EXPLAINER

Shamim Haque Mondal

The story so far:

On November 10, New Delhi witnessed a massive explosion near the Red Fort complex. An i20 car parked at the signal of the complex exploded, destroying several nearby cars, buses, and the people inside them. As of now, 13 people have been confirmed dead.

What do forensic experts do?

Experts of the Explosives Department of the Delhi Forensic Laboratory visited the scene within half an hour along with police personnel. The primary job of forensic experts in such situations is to observe and analyse the cause from a scientific perspective. They collect necessary samples and arrange for quick laboratory tests so that the cause of the accident can be found, or the identities of the people involved in the crime can be verified in a science-based manner.

It is worth noting that various media houses often report that forensic members collect samples from the site, which is partly accurate; the site does provide a wealth of information for any skilled forensic expert. However, an explosion is different from other crimes; here everything is shattered in an instant. Explosions generate intense pressure and heat, causing everything at the scene to burn to ashes, thereby complicating the work of experts. Despite the challenges, they persist in their efforts. Locard's principle states that a criminal will leave something at the scene and bring something when he arrives; both are equally important as evidence in forensics. Thus, there must be a sample linking the suspect to the scene, from which it could be possible to guess the intensity of the explosion, the source, and what kind of explosives were used.

Photographers are also present and take pictures of the site from different angles, and experts make a sketch of it, which serve as a guideline for various stages of analysis. Along with this, various burnt pieces (which experts call debris), broken parts of the car, carbon powder, etc. are collected from the scene. These samples are then analysed by explosives experts in the laboratory using spectroscopic and chromatographic techniques to determine the type of chemicals used.

Probing: Forensic technicians work at the site of the explosion in New Delhi, on November 10. REUTERS

During the on-site inspection, it is necessary to figure out if any piece of electronic gadget has been found, because in remote-controlled explosions, an auto-timer, the best activation technique, is usually used. However, no timer or electronic circuit has been found in the Delhi incident.

What kind of tests are done?

After gathering and analysing the initial data, experts then try to reconstruct the crime scene to better understand the explosion's timing. For this, experts use Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) and Attenuated Total Reflectance-FTIR (ATR-FTIR). In these tests, forensic experts analyse the spectrum of the absorbed light to find out how the collected samples interact with infrared light.

The chemical composition of explosives is detected using field-specific Raman spectroscopy. Advanced Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) is used to analyse the morphology of the fragments found after the explosion, while Energy Dispersive X-ray (EDX) techniques are used for fundamental analysis of the residues. Scientists also use thermal analysis to determine information about explosives, such as chemical activity and stability.

Additionally, fire is an important factor in any explosion – how it spreads, how far it spreads, and the total loss caused by fire all depend on statistical data. That's why experts use laser-based scene mapping, flashpoint testing, etc. to try to determine the source of the fire and the presence of any combustible material that caused it to spread so much. Therein they decide whether it was an accident or an intentional explosion.

Are only explosives experts involved?

In the current incident, the role of the vehicle is crucial. Therefore, CCTV footage of the car needs to be thoroughly examined to find out whether anyone got in or got down in order to form an idea about the attacker. A cyber-forensic expert is necessary to achieve this.

Again, experience says that in any accident, especially in the case of organised heinous crimes like explosions, the engine number and the chassis (the metal frame of a vehicle onto which the other parts fit) number of the cars are changed before they are used for the crime purpose, so it is necessary to find out the actual engine number and chassis number of the car with the help of 'thermochemical examination,' which is popularly known as etching. Typically, the investigating agency employs a forensic physicist for this. Moreover, DNA analysis of the body parts found at the crime scene is a must, as their families are waiting.

Therefore, in the event of an explosion, multiple divisions of a forensic science laboratory must collaborate to assist investigators in solving the crime and to ensure that the scientific analysis of various evidence is presented before a court of law.

Shamim Haque Mondal is a researcher in the Physics Division, State Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata.

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Why do astronauts wear pressurised suits?

Why is it mandatory to wear IVA suits during ascent and descent of the spacecraft?

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Space is the vast area beyond the earth's atmosphere, filled with stars, planets, and galaxies. In this airless environment, one of the most critical differences from life here is the absence of atmospheric pressure.

Why is pressure important?

The atmosphere is a thick layer of gases held around the earth by its gravity. It protects us from harmful solar radiation, keeps temperatures stable, and provides gases to respirate. The atmospheric pressure presses down on our bodies with about 20 tonnes of force, but we don't feel it because our bodies have evolved to push back with equal force, balancing it out. As we go higher, the atmosphere gets thinner and its pressure drops.

When a human body is suddenly exposed to vacuum, a sequence of sudden lethal effects occur, including ebullism (boiling of bodily fluids at low pressure), decompression (rapid loss of atmospheric pressure in a spacecraft), and lack of oxygen (hypoxia). The absence of atmospheric pressure causes gases to expand rapidly in the lungs and tissues, leading to loss of consciousness in seconds and death in a few minutes.

How are astronauts protected?

Astronauts wear special suits during space travel for their safety. Extra-vehicular activity (EVA) suits or spacesuits are for walks and work outside the spacecraft, like fixing external components and conducting maintenance. They have 12-14 layers and serve as a personal spacecraft, protecting its wearer against the vacuum of space, extreme temperatures, radiation, and space debris. Each EVA suit weighs 100-130 kg. Likewise, intra-vehicular activity (IVA) suits are worn inside the spacecraft and include a flight suit and a pressure suit. A flight suit is a general-purpose garment worn by pilots and astronauts, primarily for fire resistance, and protection against environmental conditions like temperature extremes or low pressure at high altitudes. A pressure suit is a specialised garment designed to protect against the extremely low pressure environment of high altitudes or space. It provides full-body pressurisation, oxygen supply, and thermal regulation, making it more robust than a standard flight suit. The pressure suit weighs about 8-10 kg and has two or three major layers, depending on the model.

In 1961, Yuri Gagarin, the first human to go to space, wore a specialised IVA suit called SK-1. The U.S. and Russia have developed eight to 10 IVA suit designs.

Is wearing an IVA suit mandatory?

In the tragic Soyuz 11 mission in 1971, three cosmonauts died when returning to the earth. When the crew's descent module separated from the orbiting module, a vent valve meant to balance cabin pressure opened too early at about 168 km altitude. It didn't close properly, causing the air to rush out quickly, suffocating the cosmonauts. The disaster led to major safety changes in the Soviet space program, including bringing in a mandate to wear IVA suits during ascent and descent. These phases are dynamic and under exigency may involve high G-forces, sudden loss of cabin pressure, extreme heat, and vibrations, all of which pose serious risks.

Which IVA suit does Gaganyaan use?

In Gaganyaan, India's first human spaceflight mission, the 'gaganyatris' will be using the Russian Sokol KV2 suit manufactured by Zvezda. The suit consists of two layers: an inner pressure bladder made of rubberised polycaprolactam to remain airtight, and an outer restraint layer of white nylon canvas for structural support and protection. Many astronauts have worn the Sokol suit and it has been involved in more than 128 Soyuz crewed missions. While the Sokol suit provides vital assurance, it also underscores a key phase in India's space journey: leveraging global expertise while pursuing the goal of indigenous human spaceflight capability.

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THE GIST

- The atmosphere is a thick layer of gases held around the earth by its gravity. It protects us from harmful solar radiation, keeps temperatures stable, and provides gases to respirate.
- A pressure suit is a specialised garment designed to protect against the extremely low pressure environment of high altitudes or space.
- In Gaganyaan, India's first human spaceflight mission, the 'gaganyatris' will be using the Russian Sokol KV2 suit manufactured by Zvezda.

Panel on prison security fifth in decade

Most of the recommendations of previous four committees have not been implemented; Hitendra Committee, the latest, was formed on Monday

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

In just over a decade, the Karnataka government has formed five committees to recommend measures to tighten security at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison- four under the Congress regime and one under the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) regime.

The latest was formed on Monday, led by R. Hitendra, Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order). Just like the previous four times, this committee was also formed in response to a recent expose of inmates at the prison having access to television, mobile phones, and alcohol, even as most of the recommendations made by the previous four committees are gathering dust.

"The State government has been indulging in a knee-jerk reaction every time there is an expose of inmates accessing some banned items. Most of these committees have only bought time and created an impression that action was being taken, without addressing basic issues in the prison like overcrowding, large vacancies, removing subjectivity from processes in the prison, which most of these reports have flagged," said a senior official, who did not wish to be named.

Reports submitted in the past following incidents at City Central Prison

Major recommendations of past reports

- All prison staff must wear bodycams at the time of duty
- All supplies coming from outside the prison to be videographed and records maintained
- The Command Centre analysing live feed of CCTV cameras in the prison must be manned by a third party or the Bengaluru City Police
- The mobile network jammers system need to be rehauled to ensure no network is available inside the prison
- A round robin system should be followed to allot barracks to prisoners and overhauled every month. Any exceptions have to be recorded by the Superintendent with adequate reason
- Segregation of prison inmates as women, undertrials, and convicts is not enough - foreigners, terror suspects, addicts need to be kept separate. Petty offenders to be separated from hardened criminals
- Medical staff should not be posted for over a year
- A Superintendent rank officer should be incharge of the prison during nighttime
- The Parappana Agrahara Central Prison must be split, and a new prison should be constructed
- All vacancies must be filled, personnel regularly trained through in-service courses and given counselling and mental health help

'Fence eating the crop'

"The problem at the prison is mostly a case of collusion of officers, fence eating the crop. Suspensions of lower rank officers won't help. In bad cases, officers need to be sternly dealt with, including dismissals from service, to instill discipline in the rest. We need to send prison staff for regular in-service training, which is a rarity now," a senior officer said.

However, he said that the persistent problems of overcrowding at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison and large-scale vacancies, nearly 40%, which are the fundamental issues, remain unaddressed. Splitting the jail and building a new jail was an absolute necessity, another officer said.

One of the major recommendations of all the four committees has been to work towards removing subjectivity from various processes in the prison.

For instance, two reports have recommended that the number of CCTV cameras in the prison should not only be increased, but the command centre analysing this live feed must be manned by a third party agency and not the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services. In fact, one report has suggested that the feed from the prison's command centre be linked to the Bengaluru City Police's Command Centre for a live review. Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Monday ordered such a Command Centre to be set up in the prison in the next two weeks, but there was no clarity on who would monitor the live feed and raise alarms over violations.

Use of bodycams

One of the committee reports has recommended that all prison personnel - from a sentry to the jail superintendent - must mandatorily be made to wear bodycams, but it has not been implemented yet. The reports have recommended that any supply of food or other material coming from outside should be thoroughly checked, videographed, and then only sent in. This was also not being followed thoroughly, sources said. This was often the channel for contraband to enter the prison, the sources said. At least two committee reports have recommended that separation of inmates is a must.

The panel has been formed after a recent expose of inmates at the prison having access to television, mobile phones, and alcohol

Allocation of barracks

Moreover, subjectivity needs to be removed in even allotment of barracks. A round robin system should be followed to allot barracks and every month the system needs to be overhauled again, one of the reports recommends.

One of the reports said that medical officers should not be posted at the prison for over a year.

Most of the illegal activities happen during night time, and no senior prison staff are usually present. A recent report has recommended that a superintendent rank officer should be on duty in the prison during night time so that there is accountability.

Four booked after video of dance party inside prison goes viral

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hours before Home Minister G. Parameshwara ordered a crackdown on prison officials following a high-level meeting over alleged VIP treatment at the Parappana Agrahara Central prison in Bengaluru, the prison authorities probing one of the leaked videos tracked down four inmates dancing under the influence of intoxicants inside a barrack.

The authorities identified the four undertrials as Karthik alias Chitte, Dhananjaya, Manjunatha, and Charan Rao. They were seen dancing and partying inside Room No. 7 of Barrack 8.

On November 9, a video showing inmates dancing to loud music, banging plastic cans, and plates as makeshift drums, and allegedly consuming liquor, along with snacks, went viral on social media.

Based on a complaint filed by Imamsab Myageri, the now-suspended prison official accused of negligence and dereliction of duty, the Parappana Agrahara police registered an FIR against the four inmates under various sections of the Karnataka Prisons Act and Section 323 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which deals with dishonest or fraudulent concealment of property.

In his complaint, Myageri stated that the video not only showed inmates dancing and creating a ruckus, but also indicated the presence of banned items inside the prison. The footage, believed to have been recorded on a smuggled mobile phone, was leaked to the media.

The complainant sought a detailed investigation to trace how the phone and the banned items entered the prison, who filmed the video, and how it was circulated.

During a review meeting with senior officials on Monday, the Home Minister took exception to repeated instances of indiscipline and laxity among the prison staff. He ordered the suspension of two officials and transferred the Chief Superintendent of the central prison, stating that such incidents would not be tolerated.

"The prison is meant to be a correctional institution, not a place for parties and privileges," Dr. Parameshwara said, warning that strict action would follow against those responsible.

As part of the probe, the police have geared up to take the four accused in the case into custody on body warrant.

Man from Liberia held on charge of peddling drugs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Avalahalli police have arrested a 30-year-old software engineer from Liberia and recovered 537 gm of MDMA worth ₹1.07 crore from him.

The accused, identified as Coundeh Prince, came to India on a business visa and allegedly overstayed. He had rented a house at Bidarahalli in Avalahalli and was peddling drugs.

Based on a tip-off, the police raided his house, seized the drugs, and booked him under the NDPS Act.

Delhi blast: Passengers asked to arrive early at KIA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Announcement was also made at all the metro stations asking passengers not to touch suspicious objects

In the wake of the Delhi Red Fort blast, the operators of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru have asked passengers to arrive early and allow sufficient time for travel formalities.

"Due to enhanced security measures at airports across the country, we request all passengers to plan their travel and arrive at the airport well in advance. This will ensure a smooth journey providing sufficient time to complete security checks without delays. For flight related information, please stay in touch with your respective airline. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to keep your travel safe and seamless," said a passenger advisory issued on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, an announcement was made at all the metro stations asking passengers not to touch suspicious objects or unattended baggage.

The passengers were also asked to inform the authorities if they found unattended bags on the premises.

Panic grips school as firecracker goes off; city on high alert after Delhi blast

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The incident occurred shortly before news broke about the car explosion near Delhi's Red Fort

Panic gripped a school in Bingipura near Bannerghatta on Monday afternoon after a loud explosion was heard from the school's toilet, prompting fears of a bomb blast.

The incident occurred shortly before news broke about the car explosion near Delhi's Red Fort that led to heightened security nationwide.

The explosion startled students, staff, and nearby residents. The school authorities quickly inspected the premises and confirmed that the sound had been caused by firecrackers, not an explosive device. Some students out of mischief might have done it.

The police personnel from the Bannerghatta police station rushed to the spot and conducted an inspection. They questioned the school management and reviewed CCTV footage to identify those responsible. Classes were suspended for the day as anxious parents gathered on the campus. Later, on Tuesday, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh announced a citywide high alert in response to the Delhi incident. Security has been tightened at all major public places, including airports, railway and bus stations, metro stations, malls, hotels, and lodges.

He appealed to the people not to panic and heed to rumours.

"All DCPs, ACPs, and jurisdictional police have been instructed to enforce nakabandis, conduct thorough vehicle checks, and stay vigilant for any suspicious activity," Mr. Singh said. He urged citizens to remain calm, cooperate with security personnel.

Man from T.N. held for stealing 42 high-end bikes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the leads of a bike theft case, the Adugodi police arrested a 38-year-old readymade cloth vendor from Tiruvannamalai in Tamil Nadu and recovered 42 high-end bikes that he had stolen and sold to his friends and relatives in his hometown.

The accused, has been identified as Kuppaswamy. He used to come to the city in a bus to sell the clothes. While returning, he would allegedly roam around residential areas to identify bikes parked outside houses and steal them.

He would then ride the bikes to his hometown and sell it to his relatives and friends at throwaway prices.

The police tracked him down to Krishnagiri and arrested him. With his arrest, the police cracked as many as 37 bike theft cases reported in the last one year.

Based on his information, the police recovered all the stolen bikes which were used by his relatives and friends without even changing the number plates.

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said that he would convey to his counterparts in Tamil Nadu and the transport department to keep an eye on such activities in future.

Uncertainty over Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in Ballari in December

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With the appointment of an administrator to the Kannada Sahitya Parishat (KSP) and ongoing case against Mahesh Joshi, president of KSP, in connection with alleged irregularities, there is uncertainty whether the 88th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana would indeed be held by December-end in Ballari as scheduled.

It has been five months since the KSP selected Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq as president of the 88th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana. However, considering the state of affairs in KSP, not much has got moving in terms of organising the sammelana.

Only inspection done

Apart from the district in charge Minister inspecting the venue for the event on September 29, no other work has been done so far. There is no official word from the Government of Karnataka as yet on holding the conference by the end of December, or postponing it.

Kannada Sahitya Parishat president Mahesh Joshi is facing allegations of irregularities.

Chief Minister had allocated a grant of ₹10 crore in the State Budget for 2025-26 for the event

After the 87th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana held in Mandya in December 2024, the KSP had announced that it would hold the 88th Sammelana in Ballari over three days starting December 26. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had allocated a grant of ₹10 crore in the State Budget for 2025-26 for the event.

However, following allegations against Mr. Joshi and the ongoing case, the State government appointed K.M. Gayathri, Director of the Department of Kannada and Culture, as the administrator of KSP.

So far, more than a week into the month of November, there has been little conversation about the funding and conduct of the conference.

"As per the usual procedure, the president of the KSP should submit a request to the Chief Minister regarding the sammelana. Then, through the Chief Minister, instructions should be issued to the Kannada Culture Department, district administration and district in charge Minister. After that, the process begins. But none of these activities have taken place so far. It is doubtful that the sammelana will be held in Ballari in December," said Nishti Rudrappa, president, Ballari district KSP.

Prakash Murthy, president, Bengaluru district KSP, concurred. He pointed out that no official communication has been sent to Ms. Mushtaq about being chosen to preside over the sammelana.

Meanwhile, some writers like S.G. Siddaramaiah, argue that the government should not hold the sammelana until the current confusion in the KSP comes to an end.

'Will discuss with CM'

Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi told *The Hindu*, "We will discuss with the Chief Minister about holding the 88th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in Ballari, and take an appropriate decision."

Two ex-judges of SC join seers and others in opposing Sharavati project

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Former Supreme Court judges N. Santosh Hegde and V. Gopala Gowda and others speaking to mediapersons in Shivamogga on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Two former judges of the Supreme Court, seers of mutts, and politicians have joined hands with environmentalists in opposing the controversial Sharavati Pumped Storage Project proposed in the core area of the Western Ghats.

They have appealed to the State government to drop the project and also urged it not to propose any project in the Western Ghats.

Former judges N. Santosh Hegde and V. Gopala Gowda, Kappathagudda Nandiveri Mutt seer Shivakumara Swami, Bangarumakki seer Maruthi Guruji, Basava Kendra seer Basava Marulasidda Swami, former MLA and president of Parisarakkagi Navu A.T. Ramaswamy, former legislators Mahima Patel, Hartal Halappa, Christian priest Roshan Pinto, Muslim leader Vahab Sab and others held a joint press conference here on Tuesday.

Mr. Hegde, addressing the media, stated that the project had not been designed focusing on the public good.

"I am 86 years old. I took the trouble to travel to Shivamogga at this age, worried about the impact of the project on the forests. We have the responsibility to hand over the Western Ghats to future generations," he stated.

The tunnel, planned as part of the project, would come up 500 metres below the ground. The construction would lead to the removal of thousands of trees. "When there are better alternatives to generate power, why is the government intending to implement this project? If we don't stop this project, it will impact everyone in the coming days," he remarked.

Mr. Gopala Gowda said he was not against development, but it was everybody's duty to oppose if the proposed development project was harming the environment, flora and fauna. "There are strict laws to protect environment and wildlife. The project proponent – KPCL – has been misleading the public by spreading lies about the project. It is silent about the pollution that hazardous muck generated following blasting activity could cause. Energy Minister K.J. George was careless when he stated that the project would not cause any harm to nature," he opined.

Mr. Ramaswamy said protecting the Western Ghats from development projects was essential for the benefit of future generations.

Maruthi Guruji of Bangaramakki said that the people opposing the project would not relent until the government issued a notification assuring the people that no project would be taken up in the Western Ghats.

The participants later held a meeting in the city to discuss future plans.

KEYWORD

What's the status of the rare earth hypothesis?

Findings from the Kepler and James Webb Space Telescope suggest that while earth-sized planets in habitable zones are not as rare as once thought, the conditions necessary for complex life may still be uncommon

Vasudevan Mukunth

The rare earth hypothesis was proposed in a 2000 book by palaeontologist Peter Ward and astronomer Donald Brownlee. It argues that while simple, microbial life may be common in the universe, complex, multicellular life is likely uncommon. The idea is rooted in a particular place in the universe meeting a chain of successive conditions.

While we often talk about life as ranging from simple (e.g. bacteria and yeast) to complex (e.g. humans and octopuses), life itself is a complex phenomenon and the product of many factors falling in place. Studying these factors on the earth itself has been an arduous and even now an unfinished task; and looking for them on planets located several light years away remains extraordinarily fraught. Scientists studying the possibility of life on other planets have busied themselves with particular aspects over time. Some focus on planetary ingredients such as a rocky world with surface water in the habitable zone of the host star. Other scientists have been concerned with system-level architectures such as giant planets in particular places in the universe. Still others have been looking into long-term climate regulation and a persistent atmosphere. And so on.

Since 2000, we have accumulated significantly more data about exoplanets and planetary science. And the big picture that has emerged is mixed: several conditions required for life look less restrictive than scientists once feared whereas many others look harder to meet than scientists had hoped.

An illustration which shows a hycean world — an exoplanet with a liquid water ocean beneath a hydrogen-rich atmosphere — orbiting a red dwarf star. REUTERS

Understanding a planet

Let's consider how often potentially habitable earth-sized planets occur. Studies based on early data from the NASA Kepler telescope (2009-2018) suggested that a significant fraction of sun-like stars in the Milky Way galaxy hosts small planets receiving starlight comparable to what the earth receives. One study even found that roughly a fifth of sun-like stars may harbour earth-sized planets in their habitable zones, although the data had many uncertainties.

More recent work has concluded, based on Kepler data, that there's a non-negligible rate at which rocky planets occur in the habitable zones of stars called GK dwarfs. These and similar findings have concluded that worlds of roughly the right size at roughly the right distance from a suitable star are not rare, thus weakening the most sweeping claim in the hypothesis. The question has thus shifted from 'where a planet is' to 'what a planet is like'. In the solar system, Mercury is too close to the sun to host earth-like life whereas Pluto is too far away. But while both the earth and Venus are in the sun's habitable zone, Venus's atmosphere renders it deadly for earth-like life.

One important open issue is whether small planets around cool, active M-dwarf stars can retain their atmospheres and surface water over billions of years. Modelling studies have indicated that planets that spend millions of years exposed to intense stellar radiation – like that M-dwarf stars are known to emit – tend to lose water and build up false-positive oxygen atmospheres.

Say intense ultraviolet radiation from an M-dwarf star breaks up water molecules on the planet: $H_2O \rightarrow H^+ + OH^-$. Further breakdown leads to O and H atoms accumulating in the atmosphere. Over time, the H escapes to space more easily than O, and the O atoms left behind pair up to form O_2. If there aren't enough surface 'sinks' that can absorb this oxygen fast enough – the way rocks and oceans do on the earth – the O_2 will accumulate. When a telescope looks at this planet and finds an excess of oxygen in its atmosphere, scientists may think the planet's surface has photosynthesis, which is how the earth's atmosphere has lots of oxygen. But it's actually due to the M-dwarf star's radiation.

On the other hand, some planets around M-dwarf stars can keep their air for a long time, even if most can't. If the star's magnetic outflows – streams of charged particles blown off the star by its magnetic field – are weak or shaped in such a way that they don't hit the planet hard, and if the planet is farther out and cooler, its atmosphere will be eroded more slowly. A strong planetary magnetic field can also deflect a part of the stellar wind, while a massive planet with ongoing volcanic activity can replace some of the lost gases.

These are all system-specific conditions that require a specific mix of star activity, magnetic fields, orbit, planet mass, rotation, and internal heat. When they line up well, a planet can retain its atmosphere for billions of years. However, such planets are in the minority because M-dwarf stars often produce strong flares and many close-in planets lack strong magnetic shields.

Scientists can directly test these observations today. Using NASA's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), astronomers have started measuring the heat emitted from nearby rocky exoplanets. In TRAPPIST-1c, which is located near the inner edge of its system's habitable zone 40.7 lightyears away, the JWST has ruled out a thick atmosphere rich in carbon dioxide. Previously, scientists using JWST data had also found that the innermost planet, TRAPPIST-1b, likely lacked a substantial atmosphere.

These are only two worlds in one system, yet they show that earth-sized isn't synonymous with earth-like. Scientists still need more measurements of cooler, more temperate planets to understand how often atmospheres survive where earth-like life could plausibly persist.

Climate stabilisation

Another pillar of the rare earth hypothesis is long-term climate stabilisation. On the earth, the weathering of continental rocks and the recycling of carbon between the earth's interior and the atmosphere have buffered the climate over geologic time. Many researchers have linked this buffering to plate tectonics, which subduct a carbonated crust and build new surface rocks. This said, the interiors of planets behave in different ways. Rocky planets can have one stiff shell that barely moves, long quiet times broken by short bursts of crust movement or plate-like tectonics (as on the earth). A planet can even switch between these modes over time. Some models also show that without modern plate tectonics, a planet might still keep a habitable climate by balancing volcanism (which adds gases), weathering (removes gases), burial (traps materials), and crustal foundering (sinks the crust). Scientists don't have consensus either: while plate tectonics could help maintain a stable climate that in turn can support complex life, it may not be strictly required for life to begin.

The role of giants

A third line of debate is the role of giant planets like Jupiter. The old intuition was that Jupiter 'shields' the earth by deflecting comets and asteroids. Subsequent studies have complicated this story, however. Depending on a giant planet's mass and orbit, scientists have found that it can reduce or increase the flux of impactors to the inner system and it can also deliver water-rich bodies early on. In other words, there seems to be no universal 'filter' on this front; it all depends on the system's architecture. This conclusion has weakened the claim that a Jupiter-like planet is a necessary precondition for complex life on a rocky planet in the same system.

Thus, on the question of finding small, temperate planets, many scientists today argue that the occurrence rate of earth-sized planets in the habitable zones of sun-like stars is non-zero and may be a few tens of percent, per Kepler data, depending on the definitions and extrapolations. That undermines the notion that the earth's basic orbital and size configuration is vanishingly uncommon. On the other hand, on the question of planets' ability to retain atmospheres, have long climate cycles, be able to avoid catastrophic events, and so on, the data has become more sobering. The results keep open the possibility that truly earth-like surface environments supporting complex biospheres are less common than the count of earth-sized planets in the habitable zone would suggest.

Not definitive

Two more threads bear on the rare versus common debate. First, a recent effort to place an upper limit on the number of earth-like planets emphasised that a lot hinges on atmospheric processes that scientists can't yet survey at scale. Second, searches for technosignatures – signs of technology made by extra-terrestrial life, especially things nature is unlikely to produce on its own – have sharpened the limits on the prevalence of civilisations whose activities emit radio waves (such 'radio-loud' activities on the earth include broadcasting for TV and radio and air traffic control). Multi-year surveys of thousands of stars by the Breakthrough Listen project haven't found any convincing signals so far. While not detecting something doesn't prove that it's absent, it sets upper limits on how common it could be in the cosmos.

Taken together, the rare earth hypothesis remains plausible for complex life but it can't be said to be demonstrably true. At this juncture, three developments could change the picture: (i) if scientists detect atmospheres on rocky, temperate planets, preferably around sun-like stars, showing gases consistent with active surface water cycles; (ii) if scientists place stronger better constraints on tectonic regimes on exoplanets (even indirectly), indicating whether long-term climate stabilisers are widespread or rare; and (iii) scientists detect biosignatures or technosignatures. The first steps are already underway. Extremely large ground telescopes currently under construction as well as future space missions are aimed squarely at planets with temperate atmospheres.

Until their observations mature, however, a fair summary seems to be: while microbial life could be common, long-lived ecosystems straddling land and ocean and capable of producing complex life may still be scarce. This seems to be as far as the data can take us today.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

Upendran

"Is that a new T-shirt you're wearing?"

"Yes. Our company is celebrating its golden jubilee tomorrow."

"Really? Are you having a big party?"

"We had one today. Our Chairman, that terrible mouse potato, said..."

"...your Chairman is a mouse potato?"

"Do you know what 'couch potato' means?"

"A couch potato? Isn't it someone who sits and watches T.V. all the time?"

"That's right! A 'couch potato' is someone who spends most of his leisure time in front of the T.V. set. For example, my aunts have become couch potatoes."

"But getting back to the point, what does 'mouse potato' mean?"

"Tell me, what does the word 'mouse' remind you of?"

"Those creatures that run around..."

"...you are on the wrong track. I am talking about a different kind of mouse. I have a mouse on my office table."

"A mouse on your table? Are you talking about your computer?"

"That's right! I am talking about the computer. A 'mouse potato' is someone who spends a lot of time..."

"...sitting in front of the computer!"

"Right again! For example, Chaitanya is turning into a mouse potato."

"Several couch potatoes in my family have become mouse potatoes."

"Here's another example. Kishore, our office mouse potato, said my computer was outdated."

"While we are on the subject of computers, how do you pronounce 'm..e..s..s..r..s'?"

"The first syllable is pronounced like the word 'mess'. And the second..."

"...second syllable? There is only one vowel in m..e..s..s..r..s."

"The word has only one vowel letter in the spelling. But it has two vowel sounds when you say it. And the second vowel sound..."

"...let me guess. It's probably like the 'a' in 'China'."

"Exactly! The final 's' is pronounced like the 'z' in 'zip' and 'zoo'. The 'r' which is in the spelling is not pronounced at all."

"I see."

"Do you know what 'Messrs.' means?"

"All I know is that you put it in front of business firms. For example, Messrs. Computer Point."

"You cannot say 'Messrs. Computer Point.' 'Messrs.' is actually the abbreviated form of the French word 'messieurs'."

"Messieurs! Doesn't it mean 'gentlemen' in French?"

"Very good! Yes, it does mean gentlemen. And in English, it is usually used before the name of a firm."

"...then why can't I say Messrs. Computer Point?"

"Let me complete what I was saying. 'Messrs.' is usually placed before the name of a business firm which begins with a person's name. For example, my cousin has been with Messrs. Balagopal and Krishnan for twenty years."

"My father wrote a letter to Messrs. Williams and Miller."

"In the case of 'Computer Point',..."

"...'Computer Point' is not the name of a person. And 'Messrs.' has to be used with firms which have people's names."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

American comic book writer Stan Lee passed away on November 12, 2018. Here is a quiz on one of the most well-known creative writers of all time

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
What were Marvel comics originally called? Stan Lee was a part of them in the initial phases of his career.

QUESTION 2
Which is the superhero that Stan Lee made his comic-book debut with?

QUESTION 3
Who were the first superheroes Lee created with artist Jack Kirby in 1961?

QUESTION 4
What was the name of the monthly column written by Stan Lee which appeared in most regular monthly comic books from Marvel Comics?

QUESTION 5
Which is the Marvel comics' first black superhero?

Visual question:
Identify this superhero. In which year did the character first appear in comics?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Tycho Brahe observed the 1572 supernova in this constellation. **Ans: Cassiopeia**
2. The title Tycho Brahe gave to his 1573 treatise. **Ans: *De nova et nullius aevi memoria prius visa stella*, or "On the new star, never before seen in the memory of any age."**
3. The distance of the remnant of SN 1572 from Earth. **Ans: Current estimates place it roughly 8,000-9,800 light years away**
4. In the standard Type Ia supernova model, this initiates the explosion of the white dwarf. **Ans: The white dwarf accumulates material from a companion star until it reaches a critical mass, triggering a thermonuclear runaway**
5. The reason why Tycho Brahe's observations were considered groundbreaking. **Ans: His precise parallax measurements demonstrated that the phenomenon lay among the distant stars, not in Earth's atmosphere, challenging centuries of astronomical assumptions**
6. This philosophical doctrine was unsettled by the appearance of SN 1572. **Ans: The Aristotelian belief in a perfect, unchanging celestial sphere was shown to be unreliable**
Visual: Identify this image. **Ans: A star map of the constellation Cassiopeia showing the position of the Supernova of 1572**
Early Birds: Nobody got all the correct answers

Word of the day

Inure:
cause to accept or become hardened to; habituate

Synonyms: harden, indurate

Usage: *He was inured to the cold.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/inurepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɪˈnjʊɹ/, /ɪˈnʊɹ/

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TENDER NOTICE

Tender Ref.No.CARD/e-2573914/2024, dated. 10.11.2025

Identification of Service Provider for undertaking **1.** Hardware Refreshement, Supply of Consumables, Network and Facility Management Services (Tender ID No.862860) and **2.** Maintenance of Software for CARD Project at Registration & Stamps Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh (Tender ID No.862866). Bid Calling date: **10.11.2025** - Bid closing date **25.11.2025 at 3.00 PM.** For further details please visit: **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**

Sd/- Inspector General,
Registration and Stamps, Tadepalli, A.P.

DIPR 4561PP/CL, Dt.11/11/2025

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಮದ್ದೂರು,
ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–571428. ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್:www.maddurtown.gov.in
ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ :08232-232105
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ನಸಮ/ಆ.ಶಾ/ಟೆಂಡರ್–21/2025–26 ದಿ:06.11.2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಮದ್ದೂರು ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಅಮೃತ್ 2.0 ಅನುದಾನ, ಎಸ್.ಬಿ.ಎಂ(ನ)–2.0 ರ ಅನುದಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಪುರಸಭಾ ಅನುದಾನಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಆಸಕ್ತಯುಳ್ಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ : 01. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು : Development of 3 nos of green space and park under AMRUTH 2.0 in Maddur municipal (kempamma layout park, madduramma layout park, Dr Ambedkar park Siddhartha Nagar) (DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT48473/CALL-2) **ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : 105.80. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ :** ರೂ.1,80,000/–. **ಅನುದಾನದ ವಿವರ :** ಅಮೃತ್ 2.0 ಅನುದಾನ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ : 02. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು : Printing and distribution of umbrellas and stands for street vendors with important messages related to solid waste management and sanitation under the SBM-2.0 scheme. (DMA/2025-26/IND5550) **ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) :** 3.24. **ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ :** ರೂ.8,500/–. **ಅನುದಾನದ ವಿವರ :** ಎಸ್.ಬಿ.ಎಂ(ನ)–2.0 ಅನುದಾನ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ : 03. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು : REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE ABC PROGRAMME FOR STRAY DOGS IN MADDUR TMC LIMITS(DMA/2025-26/SE5741/CALL-2) **ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) :** 10.00. **ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ :** ರೂ.25,000/–. **ಅನುದಾನದ ವಿವರ :** ಪುರಸಭಾ ಅನುದಾನ.

ಇ–ಪ್ರೆಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21–11–2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:24–11–2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ರಂದು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಮದ್ದೂರು

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಸನಿ–ಮಂ/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/558/2025–26

CSIR - INDIAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL BIOLOGY
(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)
4, Raja S.C.Mullick Road, Kolkata – 700032

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

1. Name of work: Provision of Boom and Flap Barriers in entry and exit points of CSIR-IICB, Jadavpur and Salt Lake Campus; 2) Estimated Cost **₹24,99,000/-**; **3)** E-Tender No. **2025_CSIR_253618_1**; **4)** Publication date in C.P.P. portal — **03.11.2025**; **5)** For further details please visit **https://www.iicb.res.in/tenders** and **https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app**.

Government of India
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
Regional Office : Kendriya Sadan, IVth Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, IInd Block, Koramangala, Bengluru - 560 034. Tel. No. : 080-25635901, E-mail : rosz.bng-mef@nic.in

ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANT-A ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS

Applications are invited for engagement of **One Post of Consultant-A in MoEF & CC Regional Office, Bengaluru** on payment of a consolidated monthly remuneration. Full details of the vacancy circular are available on MoEF & CC website **(http://moef.gov.in)** under the link Circular. The last date of receipt of applications is 21 days from the date of publication of this Notification.

Sd/-
Dy. Director General of Forest(C)

Government of Karnataka
Superintendent Of Police,
Behind New Bus Stand, Gadag-582101
Mob: 94808 04401, 08372-236260
Mail: spgdg@ksp.gov.in

No: Procument/tender/04/2025-26 Date : 10-11-2025

TENDER NOTICE

The Superintendent of Police Gadag District, Gadag invites tenders in two cover system using KG document for "Implementation of CCTV based Surveillance Cameras at Gadag District at Various location" Amount of Rs. **52,54,540/-** in E-Proc Indent No. **KSP/2025-26/IND0393** Under "Implementation of CCTV based Surveillance Cameras at Gadag District at Various location"

Supplyer / Agency can download and submit the tenders through KPP portal at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Last Date for uploading of completed tender documents **Date : 25-11-2025 upto 17.30** hrs. Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) **Date : 27-11-2025 upto 11.00** hrs

Postponement of calendar of events and corrigendum / addendum (if any) is only published through KPP portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Superintendent of Police
Gadag District, Gadag

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/368/2025-26

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed and experienced suppliers, manufacturers or authorized distributors for supply, installation & commissioning of **"Equipment, tools and consumable items for setting up AICTE - IDEA Lab at our Institution".** Details and specification of requirements can be downloaded from our website. The sealed quotation shall be attached with a DD of Rs. 500/- and submitted on or before **11/12/2025** by **1:00 PM**. Quotations will be opened on the **same day i.e., at 4:00 PM.**

Campus: Hunasamaranahalli, Off International Airport Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru -562 157.

Principal **Secretary**

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department
Office of The Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Bangalore Rural, Beerasandra, Devanahalli Taluk, Phone : 080-2978 7463, E-mail: eerwsd.bngr1@gmail.com

No. : E.E./R.D.W.S.D./Bengaluru Rural/Technical Section/Tender/18/2025-26/753 Date : 10-11-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
No. : 18/2025-26 Date : 10-11-2025
(KPPP Portal through only)

Tender are invited on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka according to KTTP Act 2000 through K.P.P. Portal for the Works under 2021-22, 2215 **H/A under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to Provide FHTCs to House Holds in Bangalore Rural District & SLWM Grama Panchayath Work** (Standard Tender Document form KW-2, KW-3 & KW-4) Application and EMD through E-Payment on KPP Portal.

1) Tender Schedule Can be Downloading From Website : 12-11-2025 after 4.00 p.m., 2) Tender Pre Bid Meeting Date and Place : Date : 14-11-2025 at 11.00 a.m. Office of The Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Bangalore Rural, Beerasandra, Devanahalli Taluk, 3) Last Date for Tender Uploading : 26-11-2025 upto 4.00 p.m. 4) Date of Opening of Tender / Technical Bid : 27-11-2025 at 4.00 p.m. 5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid : 29-11-2025 at 4.00 p.m.

General Conditions : 1) Contractor has to upload Document in Online only, **2)** All Qualifying Documents has to be attached in Online.

More details can be taken from the Office of the Undersigned and also through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department,
Bangalore Rural.

DIPR/Bangalore Rural/3719/Manipal/2025-26

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer KNNL, GLBC Dn. No. 2, Jamkhandi. Tq: Jamakhandi Dist: Bagalakote State: Karanataka

No: KNNL/GLBC-2/DB/Tender/25-26/972 Date:- 07.11.2025

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Managing Director Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, GLBC Division –No.2, Jamakhandi, Karnataka invites tenders on LUMPSUM TURN-KEY basis on KPP portal for the following work from registered as Class -1 Contractor in KPWD/CPWD.

Excluding GST

Sl No.	Work Indent Number	Amount Put to tender [Rs in Crore]
1	KNNL/2024-25/LI/ WORK_INDENT 2875 /Call-2	102.24

1)The Pre–bid meeting will be held on 21.11.2025 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Registered office, Coffee Board Building, Bengaluru. 2)Last Date & Time for tender queries / Clarifications is 10.12.2025 up to 05.30 PM, 3)Last Date for Submission of completed e-tendering documents is on 11.12.2025 up to 5.30 PM. 4)First Electronic Document (Technical BID) will be opened on 15.12.2025 at 11.00 AM, 5)Second Electronic Document (financial Bid) will be opened after approval to the technical bid from the competent authority.

For more details visit website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or at undersigned in all working days during office hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
KNNL, GLBC Dn No. 2 Jamkhandi.

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-380/KSMCA/2025-26

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH & NEURO SCIENCES
INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE
Post Box No. 2900, Hosur Road, Bengaluru - 560 029. INDIA

No.: NIMH/RECT/DIR/2025-26 Date: 10.11.2025

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for the post of Director at NIMHANS, Bengaluru from qualified Medical professionals fulfilling the following criteria:

(i)	Educational Qualifications and Experience	**(a)** A high Post Graduate qualification in Medicine or Surgery or Public Health and their branches; **(b)** 25 years experience in the profession including ten years of teaching and / or research experience in mental health and neuro sciences and / or allied specialties; **(c)** Extensive practical and administrative experience in the field of medical relief, medical education; and **(d)** Adequate experience of running an important scientific educational institution either as its Head or Head of a Department.
(ii)	Age Limit	Not exceeding sixty years. (Relaxable for Government servants or retired Government servants or serving or retired persons from autonomous or statutory institutions of State or Central Government or exceptionally qualified candidates).
(iii)	Pay Scale	Rs. 2,25,000/- fixed plus NPA (As per 7th CPC)
(iv)	Tenure of Service	The appointment of Director shall be on single tenure basis for a period of five years from the date on which he/she enters upon his/her office or till he/she attains the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier. The person cannot be reappointed in the post.
(v)	Last date of application	10.12.2025

Candidates working in Central Government, State Government, Autonomous Bodies or Statutory Bodies would need to apply through proper channel. The duly filled in application along with its enclosures should reach the Director, NIMHANS, P.B.No.2900, Hosur Road, Bengaluru – 560 029, India, on or before **10.12.2025.** Cut-off date for calculation of age, experience is **10.12.2025.**

The prescribed application form may be downloaded from NIMHANS website **www.nimhans.ac.in** or from the Ministry's website **www.mohfw.gov.in**

Sd/- **DIRECTOR**

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OPPORTUNITIES

AI hackathon event for professionals

As part of the Grace Hopper Celebration India, MyCareernet, in partnership with AnitaB.org India and Backbase, invites students, professionals and entrepreneurs from all backgrounds for a hackathon.

This year's theme, "Unbound with GenAI: Breaking Barriers, Creating Impact," celebrates the power of innovation and inclusivity in the world of AI.

Participants will develop AI-driven solutions across five pivotal themes – Transaction Categorisation, Ethical AI, Social Impact, Financial Operations and AI-driven KYC – each aimed at solving a challenges and all of them collectively geared towards shaping a more inclusive digital future.

Cash prize, access to internship and career opportunities with global tech leaders, and the chance to pitch live at GHCI 25 are among the perks on offer, says a press release.

The hackathon runs entirely online via the MyCareernet portal, allowing individuals and teams to register, ideate, submit prototypes and progress through stages without geographic constraints.

Selected finalists will be invited to pitch their projects at GHCI 25.

For details, visit: https://mycareernet.in/mycareernet/contests/AnitaB-org-India-AnitaB-org-India-GHCI-25-Ha-252

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Advt. No.: 21/25

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- Blockchain Technology
- Cloud Computing
- Data Analytics
- Financial Technology (Fintech) Applications
- Quantitative and Computational Methods

SEMICONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGIES
- Nano Device and Sensor Fabrication Technologies
- Memory and NVM Technologies
- Analog and Mixed Signal IC Design
- Digital Circuits and Architectures
- Neuromorphic and Quantum Computing Technologies, Circuits and Architectures

HEALTH ENGINEERING
- Biomechanics
- Tissue Engineering
- Drug Dynamics
- Biomedical Imaging
- Synthetic Biology

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For inquiries, you can reach out to the Directorate of HR on +91 89777 85846

SRM University-*AP*, Amaravati, Guntur District, AP-522240

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only)

KPTCL, invites tenders for the following works.

No:CEE/TKR/Tr(O)Z/SEE(O)/AEE–2/25-26/8764-66 Date:10.11.2025

I. Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TR(OZ)/TKR/SEE(O)/AEE-2/2025-26/Bid Enq-0037 Dated:13.08.2025-CALL-2 (Reserved for Cat-II(A)). for Providing Additional 02 No's of 11kv PCVCB Feeder Breakers at 66/11kv S/S Mylanahally, Operation Division Hiriyur **on PTK Basis.** (Breakers will be supplied by KPTCL).

No:CEE/Tr(O)Z/TKR/SEE/AEE-2/2025-26/8767-68 Date:10.11.2025

II. Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TR(O)Z/TKR/SEE(O)/AEE-2/2025-26/Bid Enq-0043 Dtd: 11.09.2025-CALL-2 (on Total Turnkey Basis).

Combined Package for:

Work A: Supply & Laying of Copper Control Cable at 400kV side for replacement of faulty control cable from 400kV side ICT-02 HV breakers to control room C&R Panel & Beerenahalli-02 C&R Panel CB BMK Box to relay panel at 400/220kV R/S Guttur.

Work B: Supply & Laying of Copper Control Cable for replacement of faulty protection, metering, CT/PT cables for 400kV, 220kV lines including ICT's, 400kV reactors at 400/220kV R/S Guttur.

No:CEE/TKR/Tr(O)Z/SEE(O)/AEE–1/25-26/8686-88 Date:07.11.2025

III. Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TKR/TR(O)Z/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2025-26/Bid Enq-0073, 0074 and 0076 Dated: 04.11.2025 (Breakers will be supplied by KPTCL with Testing and Commissioning by KPTCL) **on PTK Basis.**

1) Replacement of deteriorated age old 11kV PCVCBs by new 11kV, 500MVA, 25kA, 1600A I/C & 1250A Feeder and Annunciator panel(1I/C+4F+1AP) at 66/11kv **Hosakere** S/S in Tumakuru Operations Division

2) Providing 01 No. of 11kV, 500MVA, 25kA, 1250A MEI make PCVCB Feeder switchgear(1F+1AP) at 110kv **Shettikere** S/S in KB Cross Operations Division.

3) Providing 02 Nos. of 11kV, 500MVA, 25kA, 1250A MEI make PCVCB Feeder switchgear(2F+1AP) at 110kv **Nonavinakere** S/S in KB Cross Operations Division.

The bids will be received through KPP Portal only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the KPP portal can be obtained by logging onto KPPP website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karanataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" **on or after 14.11.2025** Further details can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, (Electy.), Transmission (Operations)Zone, KPTCL, "Prasarana Bhavan", 1st Floor,66/11KV Tumakuru S/s Premises,Kothitopu Road, Tumakuru - 572103.

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Office of the Deputy General Manager-1, 1st Floor, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052.

No. DGM-1/PR/ 271/2025-26 dated 10-11-2025 HAS TO BE READ As NO. DGM-1/Tend/12/2025-26 Dated 10-11-2025

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-1, BSWML, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3695/CCL/2025-26

KSSIDC KARNATAKA STATE SMALL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

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Telephone: 080-2340 7011 to 25, Fax: 080-23143566
Website: www.kssidc.co.in e-mail: kssidcho@karnataka.gov.in

No: ep-103:ENGG:SE:Repair work:2025-26 Dated :07-11-2025

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)
ITEM RATE CONTRACT

On behalf of Managing Director, Superintending Engineer Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (KSSIDC) invites e-bids tenders from the interested Contractors who have adequate financial resources, suitable technical man power and sufficient past experience for the work indicated below. The e-bid document and other relevant details are available at Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sl. No	Name of the work	EMD in Lakhs
1	Repair and Renovation to Archeology Survey of India office building (KSSIDC KSMC Building) at Industrial Estate Rajajinagara Bengaluru.	15,500.00
2	Repairs and Renovation to KSSIDC administrative office at Industrial Estate Davanagere, Davanagere District	1,92,500.00
3	Demolition and Reconstruction of toilet Godown 01& 02 (K-Lamp) Industrial Estate M.S.K Mill, Kalburgi Dist.	8500.00

Tender shall be submitted along with EMD, for tender documents and may get more information by log in to e-procurement website https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in (Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation Limited) through e-procurement portal. The document may be downloaded from **10-11-2025 at 17.00** hours onwards.

Calendar of Events

- Availability of Tender Document **from 10-11-2025, 17.00 PM onwards.**
- Pre Bid meeting on **15-11-2025 at 12.00 PM**
- Last Date for Receipt of Tender **26-11-2025 upto 17.00 PM**
- Date of Opening of Technical electronic Document first is on **28-11-2025 at 16.00 PM**
- Date of Opening of Financial electronic document second will be **after Approval of Technical Electronic document First through e – Procurement**

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer

DIPR/CP/3710/AKAR/2025-26

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice Bid No. SBC-MECH-CW-FE-2025
Dated : 04-11-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Bengaluru Division Maintenance of Different kg 4kg 5kg 6kg 25kg 50kg and different type stored pressure type DCP type of fire Extinguisher at Bengaluru Yesvanthpur Baiyappanahalli coaching depots and BAND MEMU shed SGT Wagon depot for a period of Two years.	Rs. 45,36,426/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs on 25-11-2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer
PUB/629/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Bengaluru**

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My client Sri. Pavan Macherla S/o. Sri. Siva Sankara Prasad Macherla has interested in purchasing the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owners Sri. Harish kumar B. K. S/o. Late. R. Krishna Murthy and his wife Smt. Savitha B. C. represented by their GPA holder M/s. SLV Builders and Developers represented by its proprietor Sri. Vootukuri Ramana Kumar S/o. Sri. Vootukuri sreedivasulu, office No. 17, Ramachandra Reddy Layout, Hosapalya Main Road, Opposite Ayyappa Swamy temple, Mangammana Palya, Bangalore- 560060.

If any persons, banks, financial institutions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No. 103, in the 1st Floor of the Apartment Building known as "SLV SAVI SAMRUDHI" measuring 1440 Sq. Ft. of SBA and 288 of UDS in the under construction, in the converted land bearing Old Sy. No. 29/1, Later Sy. No. 29/6 present Sy.No.29/7 computerised BBMP in Form-B, E-Katha No. 528/29/7 Flat No.103, situated at Devarachikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as follows: East by : Remaining property in Sy. No. 29/6, West by : Remaining property in Sy. No. 29/6, North by : Remaining property in Sy. No. 29/6, South by :Tar road & property in Sy. No. 29/5.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, #1010, 2nd Floor, 7th A Main Road, 1st Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-34 Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 11-11-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed and notified that my client Sankarman Builders LLP, represented by its Designated Partner Mr. Mukesh Kumar, proposes to purchase the below mentioned Property from its owner **Mr.B.VENKATARAMANA**, Son of Mr.B.Ramachandra Rao, No. 82, 4th Main, III Phase, I Block, Near Janatha Bazar, B.S.K. III Stage, Bangalore – 560 085, who has represented that he had acquired the Schedule Property in terms of Sale Deed dated 19/11/2010 registered as Document No.2225/2010-11 in Book-I and stored in CD No.CMPD23 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Chamarajpet, Bangalore. The person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Ten days from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not bind my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants/ objections.

:SCHEDULE:

All that commercial building in stilt, ground and upper floors/terrace floor measuring 22860 Sq. Feet of built up area, built on Site Nos.5 and 6 bearing Old Municipal Khatha Nos.24 and 24/1 and the sites totally measuring 5960 Sq. Feet and presently bearing Municipal E-Khatha No.30/24 of 9th Cross, H.Siddaiah Road, EPID No. 8895878139, Municipal Ward No. 145 of Hombegowdanagar, Bangalore, in the records of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and bounded by:

East : Layout of Ramaswamy
West : Road
North : Private Property
South : Private Property

Mr.MANJUNATH G.KANDEKAR, MGK ASSOCIATES,
Advocates & Consultants,
No.14, First Floor, Pamadi Towers,
1st Main, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009.
(M) 9448448836/9606239509
BANGALORE, Date : 10/11/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

We on behalf of our client are conducting due diligence with respect to the title of the immovable agricultural land and which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property" which is jointly owned by 1. SRI. P. Muniraj S/o Late Poojappa, and 2. Smt. K. Sujatha W/o Sri. P. Muniraj both residing at No.203, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560043, (Owners) who have represented that they are the lawful owners in possession of the same.

The Owners have represented to our client that they are the sole and absolute owners of the schedule property, with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same, they having acquired the same through Reg. Sale deed dated. 21.08.2025 executed in their favour by 1. Sri. D.V. Gangadhar S/o D. Venkataramanappa, 2. L. Mahalakshmi W/o D.V. Gangadhar and 3. Ravikumar. G S/o D.V. Gangdhar sold in favour of owners. Any person/s, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claim any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and/or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within Fifteen (15) days hereof, falling which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our client would proceed to complete the transaction with the present Owners thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Sy.No.206 (earlier portion of Sy.No.107, Old Sy.No.107/P-2), measuring an extent of 1 Acres 37 guntas situated at Shivapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Distrct and bounded as follows:

On or towards East by: Land In Sy,No.205 (earlier portion of Sy.No.107) On or towards West by: Land In Sy, No.207 (earlier portion of Sy.No.107)

On or towards North by: Doddaballapura Devanahalli Road, On or towards South by: Village Boundaries of Raghunathapura.

SANDEEP LAHIRI AND KIRAN.F VORA
Advocates
LAHIRI LAW CHAMBERS,
No.19, 3rd Floor, 1st Main Road,
I.S.R.O, New B.E.L Road, R.M.V 2nd Stage,
Bengaluru-560094
Date : 12-11-2025 Contact No:8861249493

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VICTORIOUS IN THROWBALL TOURNAMENT

Auden School, Bengaluru, emerged victorious at the interschool throwball tournament held at Vijaya Bharathi School. The Girls' Under-14 and Under-17 teams secured first place, showcasing exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination. The event brought together talented young athletes from across the city, celebrating sportsmanship and healthy competition. The school's success reflected the dedication of the students, the guidance of the coaching staff, and their strong commitment to nurturing sporting excellence. The victories reinforced Auden School's reputation as a leading institution promoting teamwork, resilience, and passion for sports among students.

CADETS EXCEL AT NCC TRAINING CAMP

Carmel High School, Basaveshwaranagar, participated in the Combined Annual Training Camp held at the Air Force Station, Jalahalli, organised by the One Karnataka Girls Battalion NCC under the guidance of Lieutenant Colonel Vinay Ahluwalia and Lieutenant Colonel Deepa Chandrasekaran. The school's 22 cadets, trained by First Officer Roopashree K, took part alongside 500 cadets from 15 institutions. The camp featured inter-school competitions, cultural events, and awareness sessions by NDRF, POSCO, and NCC alumni. Carmel High School's cadets secured first place in the theme dance competition, showcasing teamwork, discipline, and dedication.

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATED

NPS Yelahanka celebrated their Annual Sports Day with great enthusiasm, with students from Grades 1 to 12 participating in a vibrant display of sportsmanship and teamwork. The event began with a grand marchpast, flag hoisting, oath-taking, and lighting of the sports flame by student achievers, followed by the Principal declaring the meet open. Students excelled in track events and showcased yoga, ribbon, hula-hoop, and dumbbell formations. Themed "Martial Arts of India," the programme featured Kalari Payattu, Silambam, Lezim, Kamsale, Dollu Kunitha, and a captivating chess dance, concluding gracefully with the flag retreat.

For Subscription related queries, please contact Raghavendra Desai: Handphone:+91 9986196254 | Email: desai.rnb@thehindu.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Sri.Manjunath s/o Sri.Muthanna** to bring the notice of the general public that the following Original registered deeds as : **1.** Absoult Sale deed doc.No.1695/198-85 of Book-I, Volum-1386, Pages 149-153, Dated.13.12.1984, and **2.** Sale deed doc.No.3208/99-2000 of Book-I, dated.30.09.1999. And **3.** Sale deed doc. No. 29652/2006-07 of Book-I, dated.15.12.2006. And **4.** Sale deed doc. No. 828/2013-14 of Book-I, dated.08.05.2013. And **5.** Sale deed doc. No. 04185/2016-17 of Book-I, dated.22.07.2016 are missing / lost/ misplaced in respect of schedule property.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document or schedule property, they may contact the undersigned in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No.20,** Property I.D No. 150200101015001008l9, & property New No.659/20, Janjar No.659, formed in Sy.Nos.155/1 and 156/1, (conversion order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(A)218/96-97, dated.30.04.1997, passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, and the Layout approved from BMRDA vide its approval No.BMRDA/LAO/63/97-98, dated.12.08.1997), situated at **Yadavanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore,** Measuring East to West: **40ft,** and North to South:**30ft**, all measuring **1200 Sq.feet,** and bounded on:

East by : Road, West by : Site No.11, North by : Site No.19, South by : Site No.21.

H. Prahlada, Advocate & Solicitor,
For H.P.Law, #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
M : 7760061073

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Kadugudi Division, Opposite to Phoenix mall, ITPL Main Road, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru – 560 048

No: BECC/EE/KG/TN/01/2025-26 Date: 11.11.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (SHORT TERM)

(Through KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

The Executive Engineer, Kadugudi Division invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the work details in the table given below. The Tenderers shall be registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike / CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / any State or Central Govt. organization.Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors.

Name of the work : Kadugudi Package (1) Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains and other allied works in ward no.98-Hoodi in Mahadevapura constituency (2) Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains and other allied works in ward no.99-Byrathi in Mahadevapura constituency (3) Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains and other allied works in Block no. 57,58,18/1,18/2 (as per 2011 census) in ward no.98-Hoodi and in Block no.21,100,154(as per 2011 census) in ward no.99-Byrathi Mahadevapura constituency (4) Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains and other allied works in ward no.97-Kadugodi in Mahadevapura constituency. **Amount put to tender : Rs. 730.81 Lakhs, EMD : Rs. 10,96,220/-**

Calendar of events : (1) Last date of submission queries : **18.11.2025 within 3.00 P.M** (2) Date & time for Pre Bid Meeting : **18.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M.** (3) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : **27.11.2025 Upto 4:00 P.M.** (4) Date & Time for Opening Technical bid : **28.11.2025 at 4.30 P.M** (5) Date & Time for Opening Financial bid : **01.12.2025 at 4.00 P.M**

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kadugudi Division

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, LAKSHMI S, W/o Mehtab R/a TR's Residency, Plot No.54, Chamundeshwari Layout, Bettadasanapura, Bengaluru-560105 have changed my name to Sumaira Mehtab Shaikh vide affidavit dt: 11.11.2025 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, B'lore.

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Qualifications:- H.Sc + Pass in Dental Hygienist Course (2 years course) with State Dental Council registration (should be eligible for Tamil Nadu State Dental Council Registration)

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Last date to apply: 24-11-25

Note: Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.

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Applicants must have post-graduation in any discipline with a B.Ed. degree. Excellent communication and leadership skills are required. Interested candidates who possess the required qualifications may submit their applications with latest colour passports size photograph, photocopies of all the necessary certificates, other related documents, and contact details to applications@scudderschool.ac.in or principal@scudderschool.ac.in Or by post/ courier to : The Correspondent / Principal, Ida Scudder School, #1, Kalinjur Main Road, Viruthampet, Vellore – 632 006 on or before 30th Nov, 2025.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE (Senior Division) :: ONGOLE
I.A 89 /2025 In O.S.122/2010

BETWEEN:
Pusapati Venkata Ramana Kumar .... Petitioner /Plaintiff
AND
Garre Veerabrahmam (Died) & 4 OTHERS .... Respondents / Proposed Defendants

To,
R3 ch sobha devi @ Garre Sobha Devi W/o Harish Kumar,525/A, Near Poornaprajna school, Yelahanka New town,Bengaluru North Karnataka 560064.

Petitioner / Plaintiff filed a Order 22 Rule 4 and sec. 151 C.P.C petition to impleaed you and other siblings as LR'S of deceased Defendant. the same was numbered as IA 89/2025 .

If you got any objection over the above matter you appeal before this Hon'ble Court On 19-11-2025 at 10:30 AM either in person or through advocate and file your objection . If you failed to do so you will be decided a ex-parte . The matter will be decided on your exparte.

By Order Hon'ble Court on 28-10-2025.
Date of Adjournment:19-11-2025

D.SRINIVASA MURTHY
AKKARAJU NIRMAL
Advocates for Petitioner
Ongole,Prakasam Dist, A.P.,

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE COURT OF THE MOTOR ACCIDENTS CLAIMS TRIBUNAL - cum - I ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE AT VIZIANAGARAM
M.V.O.P.No. 145 of 2021 :: I.A.No.903 of 2025

Between:
Vuda Lakshmi & Others ..Petitioners
And:
M. Ramana Babu & Others
...Respondents

To, RESPONDENT No.5:
C. Pappu, W/o. Lakshmanan, Owner of Lorry Bearing No. KA 01 AH 2773, residing at No.7, RCC 206-261, S.G. Mutt Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, Karnataka State. Pin: 560018

NOTICE

Please take notice that the above matter is posted to dt. **27-11-2025** for notice to the 5th respondent. So, you should appear in person or through an Advocate at **10-30 a.m.**, on the above said date before the said court. If you fail to appear before the said court on the said date, the matter will be decided in your absence and set you exparte.

By Order of the Court.

Sri. **U.RAVI SANKAR**
Advocate for the petitioners,
Maharanipeta, VIZIANAGARAM-535002 ANDHRA PRADESH. Ph: **98496 39233**

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Appendix-A

Land Ports Authority Of India

(A statutory body under Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India)

INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT IN VARIOUS POSTS

Land Ports Authority of India invited applications vide E-13012/2/2025/LPAI/Rect FTS No. 3748400. Date: 10-11-2025 from the serving employees of Central / State Government / Union Territory Administration / Statutory Body / Autonomous Body, for filling up various posts of Levels 6, 11 and l3 of Pay Matrix Level (7th CPC) mentioned below at its Headquarter in New Delhi and ICPs at Attari and Dera Baba Nanak (Punjab), Petrapole (West Bengal), Raxaul and Jogbani (Bihar), Moreh (Manipur), Dawki (Meghalaya), Rupaidiha (UP), Agartala, Sabroom and Srimantapur (Tripura), Sutarkandi, Mankachar, Darranga and Golakganj (Assam) on deputation (Foreign Service):-

LPAI Sectt.. New Delhi

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Pre-revised Pay Band + Grade Pay	Pay Matrix Level (7th CPC)	No. of posts to be filled up
1.	Vigilance Officer	Pay Band-4 + 8700	Level-13	01
2.	Assistant	Pay Band-2 + 4200	Level-6	02
3.	JE (Civil)	Pay Band-2 + 4200	Level-6	02
4.	JE (Electrical)	Pay Band-2 + 4200	Level-6	02
5.	Personal Assistant	Pay Band-2 + 4200	Level-6	01
			Sub Total (A)	**08**

For ICPs:

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Pre-revised Pay Band + Grade Pay	Pay Matrix Level (7th CPC)	No. of posts to be filled up
1.	Chief Port Administrator	Pay Band-4 + 8700	Level-13	05
2.	Port Administrator	Pay Band-3 + 6600	Level-11	01
			Sub Total (B)	**06**
			Grand Total (A+B)	**14**

2. Complete information of posts, eligibility criteria, application format and other details are available on the website at **http://mha.nic.in/vacancies** and **http://lpai.gov.in**,

3. Last date for receiving ofapplications (in the prescribed format) through proper channel is 26-12-2025. Incomplete applications as well as applications received after last date shall not be considered.

4. Address for sending applications:
Deputy Secretary (Administration)
Land Ports Authority of India
First Floor Lok Nayak Bhawan
Khan Market New Delhi-110003
Tel : No. 011-24340708
E.mail: **dsga-lpai@lpai.gov.in**

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RISE	00:00	SET 12:45
THURSDAY, NOV. 13		
RISE	06:17	SET 17:51
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RISE	06:18	SET 17:50
RISE	01:30	SET 14:01

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Mysuru	30	19
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Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be dry. Day will be comfortable. Night will be slight cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be slight cool. Day will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Dry weather to prevail.

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BIAL plans elevated walkway at KIA

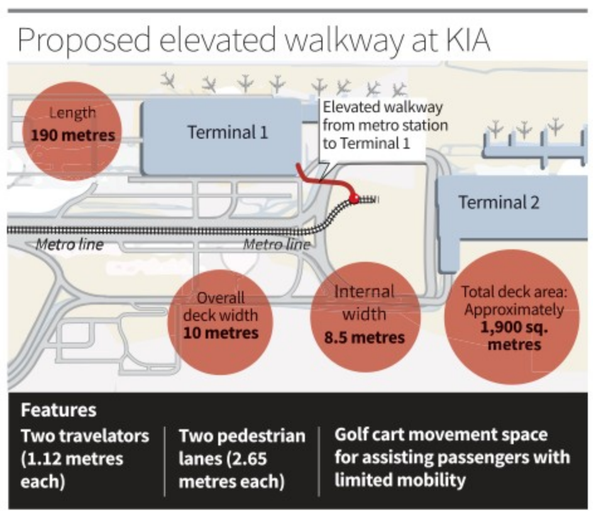
The structure will connect the upcoming Airport Terminal Metro Station with Terminal 1 at the airport

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

As work on the Bengaluru Airport Metro line is in progress, the Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) has invited Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the design and construction of an elevated walkway connecting the upcoming Airport Terminal Metro Station (ATMS) with Terminal 1 (T1) at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

The proposed walkway is intended to provide seamless and convenient access for passengers commuting between the metro station and the terminal building. The EOI was issued on Tuesday and, according to sources at the BIAL, the project aims to enhance pedestrian connectivity while ensuring smooth integration with the Namma Metro's infrastructure.

The proposed walkway is intended to provide seamless and convenient access for passengers commuting between the metro station and the terminal building. K. MURALI KUMAR



Travelators, golf carts

According to officials, the elevated structure will span approximately 190 metres in length and feature an overall deck width of 10 metres, translating to a total deck area of around 1,900 square metres. "The internal width of about 8.5 metres will accommodate two travelators of 1.12 metres each and two pedestrian lanes of 2.65 metres, besides allowing space for golf cart movement to assist passengers with limited mobility," a official said.

The officials said that the walkway has been conceptualised as a state-of-the-art, energy-efficient, and sustainable structure, integrating modern architectural design with minimal disruption to airport operations during construction. "This facility will greatly improve commuter convenience and complement the upcoming Airport Metro Line, providing a smooth transition between the metro and the terminal," the officials said.

60 million flyers by 2030

The KIA, one of India's fastest-growing airports, is currently handling more than 37 million passengers annually and aims to reach over 60 million passengers a year within the next five years, according to the officials.

The Airport Terminal Metro Station will form a crucial part of the Blue Line of Namma Metro, officially known as the ORR-Airport Metro Line, which is under construction and is now expected to be completed by December 2027. The line comprises two major sections, Phase 2A, connecting Central Silk Board to Krishnarajapura (K.R. Pura), and Phase 2B, extending from K.R. Pura to the Kempegowda International Airport. Once operational, the metro will offer a faster, more reliable, and eco-friendly alternative for airport commuters.

Currently, the airport is connected to Bengaluru city through the BMTC's Vayu Vajra airport buses, KSRTC Flybus services from other parts of Karnataka, and the KIA Halt railway station, located about 3.5 km away.

The BIAL operates free shuttle services between the railway halt and the terminal, timed with train schedules. However, passenger numbers remain low due to limited train frequency on the single-track Yelahanka-Devanahalli corridor.

Meanwhile, the K-RIDE, which is developing the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project, is building the Sampige Line linking KSR Bengaluru, Yelahanka, and Devanahalli, further enhancing future connectivity to the airport.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurating the Kalaloka store at Terminal 2 of the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

CM inaugurates Kalaloka store at KIA

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BENGALURU

The Kalaloka store, which will showcase and sell Karnataka's traditional and GI-certified products to both domestic and international travellers at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), was inaugurated on Tuesday by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

The Kalaloka store, which has been aesthetically designed to reflect the State's culture and heritage, has been set up by the Department of Industries at the Terminal 2.

"This is a moment of joy in the industrial map of Karnataka. The KIA ranks third in the country in terms of passenger traffic. The Kalaloka store has been established to give visitors an immediate glimpse of Karnataka's pride and cultural essence as soon as they arrive. Through this initiative, our State's distinguished products will receive global recognition, branding, and market reach," the Chief Minister said.

Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil said that the Kalaloka store, located near Terminal 2, features Karnataka's traditional products such as Mysore Sandal Soap, sandalwood oil, incense sticks, Mysuru Silk, Channapatna toys, LIDKAR leather goods, aromatic coffee powders and beverages, handloom products, Ilkal sarees, Lambani garments, sandalwood artefacts, Bidriware, and Mysore-style paintings.

"In total, 45 GI-certified products from Karnataka will be showcased and sold here," he said.

'₹50 cr. released'

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda on Tuesday said that ₹50 crore has been released for landslide-prevention works in Kodagu and that an additional ₹10 crore will be sanctioned soon.

He was speaking after performing the bhoomi puja for the construction of the new 'Praja Soudha' Taluk Administration building near the Polytechnic College in Kushalnagar.

Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy will launch the new service at Terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport. FILE PHOTO

Complimentary Nandini snack kits on Flybus services

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a bid to enhance passenger comfort, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) will start offering complimentary light snack kits featuring Nandini products to all passengers travelling on its Flybus airport services from Wednesday.

Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy will launch the new service at Terminal 2 of the Kempegowda International Airport.

The KSRTC officials said that the initiative is designed to provide travellers with a flight-like experience while also supporting the Karnataka Milk Federation's popular Nandini brand. The Flybus service, which operates luxury airport shuttle buses, connects Bengaluru Airport with major cities and towns including Mysuru, Mangaluru, Madikeri, Manipal, Udupi, and Kundapur.

Previously, the KSRTC provided drinking water bottles to passengers on its premium buses. However, in October 2019, the corporation discontinued the use of single-use plastic bottles. Mr. Reddy will also flag off a new Flybus service connecting Davangere to the KIA on the same day.

ISRO conducts crucial safety tests on main parachutes for Gaganyaan crew

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently conducted an important test on main parachutes for the Gaganyaan Crew Module.

The test was conducted at the Babina Field Firing Range (BFFR) in Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi on November 3 as part of the ongoing series of Integrated Main Parachute Airdrop Tests (IMAT) for the qualification of parachute system for Gaganyaan mission.

For the Gaganyaan Crew Module, the parachute system comprises a total of 10 parachutes of four types. The descent sequence begins with two apex cover separation parachutes that remove the protective cover of the parachute compartment, followed by two drogue parachutes that stabilise and decelerate the module. "Upon release of the drogues, three pilot parachutes are deployed to extract three main parachutes, which further slow down the Crew Module to ensure a safe touchdown. The system is designed with redundancy – two of the three main parachutes are sufficient to achieve a safe landing," the space agency said. The main parachutes of the Gaganyaan mission deploy through a step-by-step process known as reefed inflation. "In this process, the parachute first opens partially, which is called reefing, and then fully opens after a predetermined period of time, known as disreefing. This process is carried out using a pyro device," it added. In the recent test, ISRO demonstrated one of the extreme scenarios – delay in the disreefing between the two main parachutes successfully, thereby validating the system for its maximum design conditions. The test evaluated the system's structural integrity and load distribution under asymmetric disreefing conditions, which is one of the most critical load scenarios expected during actual mission descent.A simulated mass equivalent to the Crew Module was dropped from an altitude of 2.5 km using the Indian Air Force's IL-76 aircraft. The parachute system deployed as planned and the sequence was executed flawlessly, and the test article achieved a stable descent and soft landing, validating the robustness of the parachute design.

For the Gaganyaan Crew Module, the parachute system comprises a total of 10 parachutes of four types. Photo: X/@isro

Sub-registrar and real estate firm owner held for cheating landowner

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) of the city police on Tuesday announced the arrest of a sub-registrar and the owner of a real estate firm for allegedly cheating a landowner by creating fake documents and selling multiple sites without his consent.

The scam came to light when a resident of Beretena Agrahara filed a complaint at the Parappana Agrahara Police Station in 2022. The complainant, who knew the real estate company owner, had entered into an oral agreement with him to develop residential sites on his land.

The accused subsequently developed 107 sites on the property.

While selling the sites, the real estate owner, along with an associate, allegedly misled the complainant by claiming he had given them authorisation through an agreement to sell the plots. The complainant was then taken to

The scam came to light when a resident of Beretena Agrahara filed a complaint in 2022

the sub-registrar's office under the pretext of registering a single site in his presence.

"However, in collusion with the sub-registrar and a computer operator, the accused created fake documents and sold multiple sites to the public without the complainant's knowledge, collecting crores of rupees and cheating him," the police said in a statement.

A case was initially registered at the Parappana Agrahara Police Station, and in 2024, it was transferred to the Organised Crime Wing of the CCB for further investigation.

Following a probe, the CCB arrested the sub-registrar and the real estate owner, who had been absconding for nearly three years. Further investigation is under way, officials said.

Man arrested for murdering 86-year-old relative

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Sira Rural Police on Tuesday arrested a 30-year-old farmer for allegedly murdering his 86-year-old distant relative and robbed her gold chain while she was alone at her house in Doddabanagere village on October 31. Based on the complaint filed by the son of the deceased, Veeranna the police tracked down the accused, identified as Sridhar, and allegedly recovered 53 gm of gold chain and two mobile phones worth ₹6 lakh from him. The police said Sridhar was addicted to alcohol, gambling and prostitution. He had also borrowed money. Unable to arrange the money, he decided to kill Puttiramma.

Father-son duo held for cheating jeweller

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Halasuru Gate police on Tuesday arrested a man and his son for allegedly cheating a city-based jeweller of gold ornaments worth ₹1.6 crore.

The accused have been identified as Rajendra Kumar and his son Jeevan, residents of Nehru Nagar in Seshadripuram. They had a jewellery shop and used to buy gold valuables from the complainant on a share-of-profit basis. According to the police, the complainant, a jeweller from Nagarthpet, alleged that between July 28 and September 4, the duo had taken gold ornaments from him on the pretext of selling them and giving him a share in the profit, but neither returned the ornaments nor paid the sale proceeds. After repeated follow-ups, the complainant approached the police and filed a complaint.

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Online Registration for application	Start Date	Closing Date
Online Registration for application	01.11.2025	21.11.2025 (by 5:00 pm)
Status of Registration and last date of correction of rejected images / incorrect registration details	24.11.2025	26.11.2025 (by 5:00 pm)
Uploading of admit card on AIIMS website	01st December, 2025 (Monday)	
Date of Examination	07th December, 2025 (Sunday)	

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State ranks fourth in country in terms of adoption numbers

Maharashtra tops the list; despite growing interest, Karnataka faces a shortage of adoptable children

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

New home: As many as 306 children were adopted in 2024–25, and 190 so far in 2025–26 in Karnataka. FILE PHOTO

Karnataka ranks fourth in the country in terms of adoption numbers, following Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal, according to data shared by officials from the Directorate of Child Protection.

While 306 children were adopted in 2024-25, and 190 so far in 2025-26, officials said the State faces a shortage of legally adoptable children despite a steady rise in the number of prospective parents.

Data showed that Maharashtra recorded the highest number of adoptions in 2024-25 at around 800, followed by Tamil Nadu (600), West Bengal (315), and Karnataka (306). From 2020-21 up to October 2025-26, Karnataka has facilitated 1,540 adoptions, including 1,385 in-country and 155 inter-country, through 45 specialised adoption agencies – 21 government-run and 24 privately managed.

Year-wise

Karnataka recorded 256 adoptions in 2020-21, including 223 in-country and 33 inter-country adoptions. The number rose to 281 in 2021-22, with 239 domestic and 42 inter-country adoptions.

In 2022-23, the State saw a dip with 223 adoptions – 188 in-country and 35 inter-country – but the trend picked up in 2023-24, when 284 children were adopted, including 263 within India and 21 abroad.

The highest number of adoptions in recent years was recorded in 2024-25, with 306 children finding families – 293 in-country and 13 inter-country. In the ongoing financial year 2025-26, up to October, 190 children have been adopted so far, including 179 in-country and 11 inter-country adoptions.

Arundathi T.S., Deputy Director (State Adoption Resource Agency - SARA), Directorate of Child Protection, told *The Hindu* on Tuesday that 2,271 registered prospective adoptive parents are waiting for adoption as of November 11, 2025. "However, only 79 children are currently available for adoption. Of these, 55 are children with special needs and 29 are normal," she said.

"Many children who are otherwise eligible (orphans, abandoned or surrendered) cannot be placed for adoption because their legal guardians are unwilling to give consent. When we approach them for consent, they refuse stating that they will take them away once they turn 18," she said.

The official attributed the low availability of adoptable children to successful efforts to trace families. "When infants below two are abandoned, efforts are made to trace parents within two months, while for older children the tracing period extends to four months," she said.

Children surrendered by parents are given a 60-day window for reclamation, after which the adoption process can proceed. A majority of these cases involve unwed mothers and teenage pregnancies, including those registered under the POCSO Act, she pointed out.

The adoption process has become more transparent and accountable after being brought online under Mission Vatsalya. Aadhaar enrolment is being done for children entering the adoption system to ensure identification and safety, the official said.

Bengaluru Urban

In Bengaluru Urban district, which has six recognised adoption agencies, 283 children have been adopted in the last five years – 265 within India and 18 inter-country. This year alone, 36 children have been legally adopted.

The District Child Protection Unit (East Division), established in June 2022, oversees two agencies – Shishu Mandir and St. Michael Home. Since its inception, 142 children have been adopted under its jurisdiction, including seven inter-country adoptions. Two inter-country adoptions from St. Michael Home are currently under process, officials said.

AASARE campaign launched to promote legal adoption

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

AASARE is a month-long campaign to promote legal adoption and family-based care for children. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

> Every child deserves love, care, and a safe start to life. Abandoning an infant not only endangers a life but is also a serious offence under law
>
> **HALEEMA,**
> Project director, Directorate of Child Protection

Marking National Adoption Awareness month, the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) of Bengaluru East, in collaboration with Shishu Mandir, a NGO, on Tuesday launched AASARE (Adoption Assistance and Support for Abandoned, Surrendered and Orphan Children Responsibly and Ethically) – a month-long campaign to promote legal adoption and family-based care for children.

Aimed at spreading awareness on the importance of legal adoption and the right of every child to a nurturing family, the campaign was inaugurated with a drive for AASARE women's e-auto rally in K.R. Puram – from DCPU office to Shishu Mandir.

Haleema, project director, Directorate of Child Protection, said the theme for this year – Non-Institutional Rehabilitation of Special Needs Children – underlined the need to prioritise family-based alternatives over institutional care..

"Every child deserves love, care, and a safe start to life. Abandoning an infant not only endangers a life but is also a serious offence under law," she said, cautioning that illegal sale or procurement of children is punishable with imprisonment of up to five years and a fine of ₹1 lakh under Section 81 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

For information or assistance, citizens can contact Child Helpline 1098 or Emergency Helpline 112, available 24/7, she said.

Meenakshi S. Kabedi, District Child Protection Officer, said Aasare aims to simplify the legal adoption process under Mission Vatsalya and ensure that every eligible child in Bengaluru East finds a permanent family. "Through this campaign, we want to build a community that understands the value of ethical adoption and child safety," she said.

ACP Reena Suvarna N., Senior Child Welfare Police Officer, Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), highlighted the law enforcement role in curbing child trafficking and illegal adoption.

Chowdappa S.H., chairperson (in-charge), Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Bengaluru East, stressed that only adoptions routed through the CWC and Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) ensure legal protection and ethical oversight.

Anand, director of Shishu Mandir, said his organisation has placed over 530 children in families and achieved the highest number of adoptions in Karnataka for two consecutive years. "Every completed adoption is a story of hope and belonging," he said.

MLA seeks statehood for North Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Taking exception to regional imbalances, MLA for Kagawad and chairman of North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) Bharamagouda (Raju) Kage has raised the issue of statehood for North Karnataka and has written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on the issue.

Previously, Mr. Kage had threatened to resign from the Legislative Assembly complaining about lack of development and paucity of funds.

In the letter dated November 4, Mr. Kage has demanded creation of North Karnataka State by bringing together the districts of Bidar, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Yadgir, Bagalkot, Belagavi, Dharwad, Gadag, Koppal, Raichur, Uttara Kannada, Haveri, Vijayanagara, Ballari, and Davangere.

He has said that ever since the unification of Karnataka, these districts of North Karnataka had been meted out injustice. Bringing these districts together as a separate State would result in the creation of another 'Kannada Nadu', he has said.

He has said that the demand for statehood was for the sake of comprehensive development.

"North Karnataka is rich in resources and has given tremendous contribution to the conservation of Kannada and to the unification of Karnataka. I have my full support to the signature campaign launched by the Uttara Karnataka Horata Samiti. Already signatures of 1 crore people have been collected along with their opinions," he has said

Mr. Kage has said that already the samiti members had submitted memoranda in this regard to the President and the Vice-President, the Governor and the Prime Minister. He has urged the Chief Minister to consider their request and recommend to the Union government for creating a separate State.

To adapt to technological advances, State govt. set to hire professionals

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

People waiting outside the office of the sub-registrar at Kengeri for property registration in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

With rapid changes being brought to registration process in Karnataka to provide ease to the public, the Karnataka government will now hire highly qualified tech professionals at market prevailing wages, including those with knowledge of artificial intelligence and machine learning, to adapt to technological advances.

The move comes at a time when the department is looking to go beyond scanned document-based system to digital system based on GIS, and a switch from web-based applications to mobile apps and IoT devices.

The implementation of proposed digital e-stamp and GIS-based valuation for fixing guidance value to prevent leakage among other services is expected to be hastened.

Kaveri Technical Cell

As many as 39 highly skilled tech persons are to be hired at the prevailing market wages through a man power agency to the new in-house Kaveri Technical Cell, which was formally notified on Monday after it received the Cabinet nod last week.

The cell, which with its own manpower, will pilot the future additions to the Kaveri console or even redevelop Kaveri software as per needs, was announced in 2025-2026 Budget, and has an allocation of ₹69.13 crore for a period of five years.

It will work to ensure continuous development, maintenance, and enhancement of the Kaveri 2.0 as the software is expected to constantly adapt to legal amendments, new integrations and operational changes.

According to sources, changes are coming in due to amendments to the Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957, Registration Act, 1908, and Karnataka Registration Rules 1965, and promulgation of new rules such as Karnataka Digital eStamps Rules 2025.

"Each change in law or procedure requires corresponding modifications in the software."

"Currently, the Centre for e-Governance is providing software update and integration support. It is burdened with work from other departments too. There were issues, including quality of work since expectation and execution differed," said an official in Revenue Department. "This initiative will come at half the cost of hiring a tech company for the same work. The cell will bring speed, flexibility, cost efficiency, and larger control on priorities."

System upgrades

The manpower will be hired through a manpower agency, and will handle system upgrades, integrations, bug fixes, and performance monitoring under the supervision of the department officials. The work performance will be evaluated by an expert committee.

HC grants bail to surrendered Left-wing extremist

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Wondering why the State government opposed grant of bail to surrendered Left-wing extremist Laxmi Poojarthi alias Thombattu Laxmi alias Prema, 40, before the Udupi district sessions court, the High Court of Karnataka has ordered her release on bail as the government, before the High Court, supported her plea for grant of bail.

A Division Bench comprising Justice K.S. Mudagal and Justice Venkatesh Naik T. passed the order while allowing three separate petitions filed by Ms. Laxmi, a resident of Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh, seeking grant of bail in three criminal cases registered against her in 2007, 2008, and 2010, under various provisions of law, including Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. She surrendered before the Udupi district administration on February 2, 2025.

"The records show that the State government, which itself was satisfied with the intention of the appellant's surrender to join the mainstream of the society, had even decided to provide her monetary package of ₹7.5 lakh, a monthly financial aid of ₹5,000 and skill building programmes, etc., under the scheme for Rehabilitation of Surrendered Left-Wing Extremists-2025, on her surrender. Still, the State government had opposed her application for release on bail before the trial court [Udupi district court)..." the Bench observed in its order.

The government, before the Udupi sessions court had filed objections opposing her plea by contending that "she was absconding from 2006 till February 2, 2025 and if she is released on bail, it would be difficult to trace her and she would not be available for trial."

Posters of Shakti scheme to be displayed on government buses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Under the Shakti scheme, women have availed themselves of 595 crore free bus journeys. FILE PHOTO

Following successful implementation of the 'Shakti' scheme, free bus travel for women in the State, the government has decided to display posters of the scheme on Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)and other RTC buses.

The decision was taken after MLC and State Guarantee Implementation Authority vice-president Dinesh Gooli Gowda submitted a petition to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

Under the government's flagship five guarantee schemes, the government has instructed relevant departments to take necessary steps to promote these programmes by displaying wall posters (stickers) on KSRTC and BMTC buses across Karnataka, thereby ensuring the success of the campaign, Mr. Gowda said. According to the London Book of World Records, Karnataka holds the world record for the 'highest number of free bus journeys by women' under the Shakti scheme, Mr. Gowda said.

Under the scheme, women have availed 595 crore free bus journeys, valued at ₹15,265 crore.

He also appealed to the government to increase the honorarium and meeting allowances for district and taluk guarantee committee chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and members.

Ashok demands NIA probe into Central Prison incident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

R. Ashok

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok has demanded that the case of a terror suspect using mobile phone in Parappana Agrahara Central Prison should be handed over to the NIA for investigation.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru on Tuesday, Mr. Ashok pointed out that the Delhi blast was being suspected as an act of terrorism. At the same time, this incident of a terror suspect using a mobile in Parappana Agrahara jail has come to light, he noted.

"If further investigation is conducted into the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison episode, new details will emerge. Since this is a matter related to the country's security, it should be handed over to the NIA," he demanded.

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Frontline launches book of essays by A.G. Noorani

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

(From left) Justice (Retd.) K. Chandru, N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited, Vaishna Roy, Editor, Frontline, and Justice (Retd.) Prabha Sridevan at *The Noorani Records* book launch in Chennai on Tuesday. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

The Noorani Records, a collection of essays by renowned lawyer and Constitutional expert A.G. Noorani (1930-2024), brought out as a special publication by *Frontline* of The Hindu Group, was launched in Chennai on Tuesday.

The first few copies of the book were presented to Justice K. Chandru and Justice Prabha Sridevan, former judges of the Madras High Court, by N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited, at the newspaper's head office on Anna Salai.

Speaking at the launch, Justice Chandru said Mr. Noorani's writings were not just from a legal point of view but also from the perspective of a common reader. He noted Mr. Noorani could explain complex legal issues in simple terms. Referring to an article by Mr. Noorani on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and Mahatma Gandhi, he suggested it be shared with school students to "expose the hypocrisy and diabolical nature of the RSS" and help counter attempts to distort history.

'Will make a difference'

In her speech, Justice Sridevan said one would often wonder if a book could change people and she had been thinking about it for months. She said this book would make a difference.

Mr. Ram said he started following Mr. Noorani when he was writing for daily newspapers. Describing Mr. Noorani as a fighter who would always demand space for his view, he said Mr. Noorani had stopped writing for newspapers because of word-length restrictions. Recalling his association with Mr. Noorani when he was the Editor of *Frontline* in 1990, Mr. Ram said Mr. Noorani contributed articles on a wide range of subjects.

Mr. Noorani would handwrite his articles, which were then faxed, transcribed, and sent back to him for proofreading. Later Mr. Noorani engaged his own typist and never missed deadlines and maintained perfect word length, much like another prolific columnist E.M.S. Namboodiripad, Mr. Ram said.

Sharing an anecdote, Mr. Ram said Mr. Noorani used to object to any editorial changes made to his copy. Once, in an article on the boundary question, Mr. Noorani had used the term "Chinese aggression". To make it sound more balanced, Mr. Ram had changed it to "India-China boundary conflict". Mr. Noorani had initially complained but later accepted the change when Mr. Ram explained that both sides had their claims.

'Eminent jurist'

In her introductory remarks, Vaishna Roy, Editor, *Frontline*, hailed Mr. Noorani as an eminent jurist, deeply intellectual and erudite, who brought a great depth of learning to everything he wrote for *Frontline*, yet could present cogent and lucid arguments that reached a wide range of readers.

The book, brought out on the first anniversary of Mr. Noorani's passing, features a curated selection of his outstanding and wide-ranging columns written for the magazine over the years. The book is priced at ₹699, with a special launch offer of ₹499 available till November 16. The book can be purchased at *The Hindu*'s online bookstore at: *https://publications.thehindugroup.com/bookstore/*

SC slams assault on two students from Kerala in capital city

Duo 'coerced' to speak in Hindi, mocked for wearing lungi in Delhi; SC says such acts were 'unacceptable' in a country founded on pluralism

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed strong disapproval of the recent incident in which two students from Kerala were allegedly assaulted in the national capital, "coerced" to speak in Hindi, and mocked for wearing lungis (coloured dhotis, a traditional attire in Kerala).

The students were reportedly attacked near the Red Fort on September 24 by a group of miscreants who accused them of theft. Some police personnel are also alleged to have participated in the assault.

A Bench of Justices Sanjay Kumar and Alok Aradhe said it had taken note of the incident through media reports and stressed that such acts of racial discrimination were wholly "unacceptable" in a country founded on pluralism and unity.

"We read in the newspaper recently that a man from Kerala was ridiculed for wearing a lungi in Delhi. This is unacceptable in a country where people live in harmony.... we are one country," Justice Kumar observed.

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> **SUPREME COURT**

Racial prejudice

The court was hearing a 2014 petition seeking directions to frame guidelines to protect people from the North-Eastern States against racial discrimination. The plea had cited a spate of such incidents, including the killing of Arunachal Pradesh student Nido Tania, who was beaten to death by shopkeepers in South Delhi on January 29, 2014.

Earlier, the apex court had directed the Centre to constitute a committee to monitor such incidents of racial violence and hate crimes, and to recommend preventive measures.

It had further emphasised that meaningful prevention of such incidents could be achieved only through efforts to foster deeper attitudinal change within universities, workplaces, and society at large.

During Tuesday's hearing, Additional Solicitor-General K.M. Nataraj, appearing for the Centre, informed the court that a monitoring committee had already been constituted in compliance with earlier directions.

However, advocate Gaichangpou Gangmei, appearing for the petitioner, contended that instances of racial discrimination and exclusion of people from the North-East continued to happen.

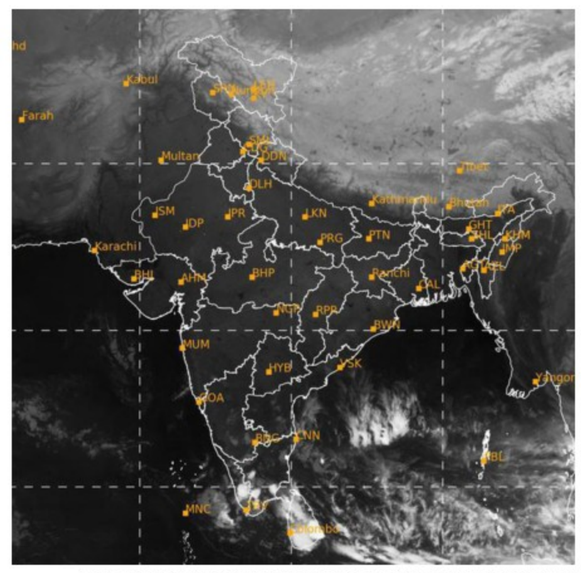
Referring to the recent assault on the Kerala students, Justice Kumar remarked that such incidents demonstrated the continuing prevalence of racial prejudice and told Mr. Nataraj that the government "should be more bothered about it."

The Bench was also informed by Mr. Gangmei that the monitoring panel, which is mandated to meet quarterly, had convened only 14 times in nine years.

Taking note of the submission, the court adjourned the proceedings and directed the petitioner to file a response to the Centre's latest status report.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.45 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Cold wave conditions likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Delhi, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.0	19.5	Kozhikode	—	33.4	25.5
Ahmedabad	—	31.6	15.2	Kurnool	—	33.0	20.4
Aizawl	—	30.0	17.3	Lucknow	—	28.0	12.4
Allahabad	—	28.6	11.4	Madurai	—	32.1	24.7
Bengaluru	—	28.5	19.7	Mangaluru	—	30.6	22.0
Bhopal	—	28.8	8.3	Mumbai	—	32.2	19.8
Bhubaneswar	—	30.2	16.2	Mysuru	—	30.0	18.8
Chandigarh	—	27.9	9.4	New Delhi	—	27.6	10.2
Chennai	—	32.1	26.3	Patna	—	28.0	16.1
Coimbatore	—	30.2	23.0	Port Blair	—	31.3	23.9
Dehradun	—	28.4	11.8	Puducherry	—	31.3	24.7
Gangtok	—	20.5	11.5	Pune	—	30.9	16.4
Goa	—	31.3	20.2	Raipur	—	29.4	14.2
Guwahati	—	29.5	20.0	Ranchi	—	25.8	11.8
Hubballi	—	29.0	18.0	Shillong	—	23.0	14.0
Hyderabad	—	30.2	16.6	Shimla	—	21.2	9.4
Imphal	—	27.3	17.7	Srinagar	—	16.5	-0.4
Jaipur	—	28.8	13.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.1	25.5
Kochi	—	30.2	24.8	Tiruchi	—	32.9	25.4
Kohima	—	16.0	11.7	Vijayawada	—	32.2	22.5
Kolkata	—	29.0	18.0	Visakhapatnam	—	30.6	22.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.58	118	74	233	267	
Bengaluru	5	25	32	60	306	
Chennai	.15	95	21	259	163	
Delhi	.61	185	88	448	431	
Hyderabad	2	22	37	163	119	
Kolkata	4	15	37	274	184	
Lucknow	8	48	33	266	227	
Mumbai	5	41	30	192	217	
Pune	8	71	76	90	115	
Visakhapatnam	.24	44	14	191	153	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Delhi recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 428 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gadag, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 28

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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(A statutory body under Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India)

INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT IN VARIOUS POSTS

Land Ports Authority of India invited applications vide E-13012/2/2025/LPAI/Rect FTS No.3748400 Date: 10-11-2025 from the serving employees of Central /State Government / Union territory Administration / Statutory Body / Autonomous Body, for filling up various post of Level – 6 of Pay Matrix Level (7th CPC) mentioned below at the Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) located at Attari and Dera Baba Nanak (Punjab), Petrapole (West Bengal), Raxaul and Jogbani (Bihar), Moreh (Manipur), Dawki (Meghalaya), Rupaidiha (UP), Agartala, Sabroom and Srimantapur (Tripura), Sutarkandi, Mankachar, Darranga and Golakganj (Assam) on deputation (Foreign Service).

For ICPs:-

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Pre-revised Pay Band + Grade Pay	Pay Matrix Level (7th CPC)	No. of posts to be filled up
1.	Port Executive	Pay Band-2 + 4200	Level-6	47
			TOTAL	47

2. Complete information of posts, eligibility criteria, application format and other details are available on the website at http://mha.nic.in/vacancies and http://lpai.gov.in.

3. Last date for receiving ofapplications (in the prescribed format) through proper channel is 26-12-2025. Incomnplete applications as well as applications received after last date shall not be considered.

4. Application Submission Address:
Deputy Secretary (Administration)
Land Ports Authority of India
First Floor Lok Nayak Bhavan
Khan Market New Delhi-110003
Tel: 011-24340708
Email: dsga-lpai@lpai.gov.in

cbc 19142/11/0013/2526

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE NO. 28/2025 DATE : 06/11/2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender through IREPS only for supply of following items: **Tender Closing Time: 10:30 Hrs.**

Sl.	Tender No.	Description in Brief	Qty.	Tender Due on
1	30251244C	Non-Asbestos Based 'K' Type High Friction Composite Brake Block	58523 Nos.	**25.11.2025**
2	75255001	Supply and Application of Vinyl Graphic.	73420 SQFT	**27.11.2025**
3	60252044A	Procurement of Glued Joint for 60 kg Rail for Drg. No T-2572.	3317 Nos.	**28.11.2025**
4	91251004	Aluminium Chequered sheet of size: 2760 x 800 x 2.03 mm	4800 Kgs.	**05.12.2025**
5	45251524	High Voltage HRC Fuse Din type, 25A, 1000V AC, size: NH 00C, breaking capacity 25KA, confirming to IS.	4625 Nos.	**08.12.2025**
6	38251052	Distributor valve for BLC wagons type KE2C SLA 14G or C3W2 with pressure transformer	124 Nos.	**23.12.2025**

For Tender No. 30251701 of Notice No.21/2025, the Due Date for opening of tender changed from 13.10.2025 to 01.12.2025.

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/631/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Principal Chief Materials Manager, Hubballi**

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Tel: 080-25536625 / 25536789 fax: 080-25536105 E-mail: kmfengg@gmail.com

IFTNo:KMF/ENGG/NHMPP-Media for Softener tank/2013/2025-26 Date: 11-11-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION-3RD CALL
[Two cover System] [Through KPP Portal only]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd, Bengaluru invites Short term tender from the eligible suppliers/manufacturers through KPP Portal for the works mentioned in the table below. The interested manufacturers /Suppliers who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website **https://www.kppp.karantaka.gov.in** and also **contact Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.**

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty.	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Contract
1	Removal of existing media from Softeners, DMF & ACF and Supply, Refilling of new media to Softeners, DMF & ACF at NHMPP, Ramanagar.	1 Job	56,640/-	2 Months

(1) Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated: **12-11-2025 to 19-11-2025 up to 4.00 pm. (2)** Last date for Tender submission on date: **19-11-2025 up to 4.00 pm. (3)** Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date : **20-11-2025 at 4:30 pm.**

For Karnataka Milk Federation Limited
Sd/- Director [Engineering-2]

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
(Wholly owned by Govt. of Karnataka undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal)

BESCOM invites tenders through KPP Portal from eligible Bidders against Enquiry No.: **BESCOM/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT641** for Supply, Configuration, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of One No. of minimum 300TB capacity of Tape Library with all required accessories and bundled software license and other hardware. Date & Venue of Pre-Bid meeting: **19.11.2025, 11:30 AM at Chamber of GM-IT, BESCOM, 5th Floor, Belaku Bhavana, Corporate Office, K. R. Circle, Bengaluru.** Last date of Receiving Queries/ Clarification: **Queries if any may be sent to gmit@bescom.co.in** on or before **19.11.2025, 4:00 PM.** Last Date of Submission of bids: **27.11.2025, 4:00 PM.**
The tender can be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 12.11.2025, 4:00 PM.** onwards. Further Bidders can take assistance of Karnataka Public Procurement Portal help desk with Contact Numbers: **+91-80460 10000, +91-8068948777** or email at **support@eproc helpdesk.com.**

Sd/- General Manager (IT),
BESCOM, 5th Floor, Belaku Bhavan,
Corporate Office, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused persons Namely **Sheela** Proprietor of M/s John King Marketing Office at No. 8, 1st Main Road Peenya New Extention, Ward No. 38 Peenya Industrial Area Bangalore, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CT No. 3467/2019 U/s 138 NI Act PS: K. N. Katju Marg, Delhi,** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Sheela** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sheela** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sheela** accused of **CT No. 3467/2019 U/s 138 NI Act PS: K. N. Katju Marg, Delhi,** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **07.01.2026.**

By Order
Sh. Himanshu Sehloth
JMFC-03, Room No. 213
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/15129/RD/2025
(Court Matter)

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru) 4th Floor,
Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Read, Bengaluru, Pin code-560001

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
RC/58/2025 IN OA NO.655/2020

BANK OF BARODA
Versus
M/S. AKSHAYAA SILKS (WEAVERS) AND OTHERS
In the Matter of (CH) BANK OF BARODA BRANCH OFFICE AT CHICKET, BENGALURU CITY, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA **.....CERTIFICATE HOLDER**
V/s
(CD-1) M/S AKSHAYAA SILKS (WEAVERS), REP. BY ITS PROPRIETOR SRI BHASKARA.N, NO.46/1, ANJANEYA TEMPLE STREET, SIDDANNA LANE CROSS, CUBBONPET, BENGALURU-560002, KARNATAKA.
(CD-2) SRI. BHASKARA.N, S/o. LATE T. NARASIMHAIAH, NO.46/1, ANJANEYA TEMPLE STREET, SIDDANNA LANE CROSS, CUBBONPET, BENGALURU-560002, KARNATAKA.
(CD-3) SMT, VASANTHA BHASKAR ,W/o. BHASKARA.N, NO.46/1 ,ANJANEYA TEMPLE STREET, SIDDANNA LANE CROSS, CUBBONPET, BENGALURU-560002, KARNATAKA. **.....CERTIFICATE DEBTORS**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in OA/655/2020 an amount of **Rs 1,08,93,255.70/-(Rupees One Crore Eight Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Five and Paise Seventy Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest 13.45% simple Interest yearly w.e.f. 05.06.2020 till realization in all and costs of **Rs.1.59,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Fifty Nine Thousand Only)** has become due jointly or severally from the Certificate Debtors.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 20.01.2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 28.03.2025.

Sd/-
Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
BANGALORE (DRT 2)

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer cum Secretary,
1st Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

IFT No.: BWSSB/CH/CAO-S/Est-8/879/2025-26 **Date: 11.11.2025**

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders for Engaging 60 Nos. of Personnel (Assistant Engineer & Junior Engineer) through security agency on Contract Basis to BWSSB.

The last date and time for receipt of tenders will be on **19.11.2025 upto 16:00Hrs.** and the date of opening of tender will be on **20.11.2025 after 15:00Hrs.** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **14.11.2025 at 12:00Hrs.**

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

Sd/-
Chief Administrative Officer cum Secretary.

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KARNATAKA SLUM DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Office of the Executive Engineer, No.1 Division, Mysuru.
Near Highway Circle, Java Factory Road, Mysuru-570001.
Ph.: 0821-2332325, E-mail: kscb_mys@yahoo.in

No: KSDB/EE/Mys-Div-1/IFT-1/2025-26 **Date: 10.11.2025**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-1 & 2)
(E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

On behalf of the Commissioner, KSDB, Bengaluru, The Executive Engineer, No. 1 Division, Mysore invites tender from eligible Tenderers through e-procurement for Infrastructure Works (3 Works) in Different Slums of Arasikere Town in Hasan District. Tender notification, schedule, specification are available in the website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

1	Date & Time for Pre Bid Meeting	13.11.2025 at 11.00 hours
2	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications	15.11.2025 Up to 16.00 hours
3	Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders	17.11.2025 Up to 16.00 hours
4	Date & Time for Opening of Technical bid	19.11.2025 at 11.00 hours

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KSDB, No.1 Division, Mysore

DIPR/CP/3716/SSC/2025-26

Act of evil

Promoting social harmony is integral to any counterterrorism strategy

An explosion in a moving car near Red Fort in Delhi on the evening of November 10, which killed 13 people and injured several others, has led to the police invoking the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Explosives Act. The suggestion is that the incident is being investigated as an act of terrorism. The National Investigation Agency is in charge of the investigation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have vowed to bring the culprits to justice while the Opposition has sought accountability from the government. The suspect linked to the vehicle has been identified as Umar-un-Nabi, a doctor from Pulwama district in Kashmir. The pattern of developments in recent days suggest that the suspect, who died in the blast, was linked to a ring of other people who were allegedly plotting terror strikes in the country. The public will have to wait for greater clarity until investigators are in a position to reveal more information. At this juncture, speculation and rhetoric must be avoided, and no effort should be spared by the government, the Opposition and the media to promote peace and calm in India in the face of this deeply troubling incident. Mindless violence targeting innocent civilians has long been a scourge for India. However, organised incidents of terrorism have been confined to conflict zones in recent years. The blast in the national capital is, therefore, alarming.

Counterterrorism has been a topic of polarising debates in India and around the world. In the Indian context, the idea that an allegedly 'soft state' allows terrorism has been popularised by the Bharatiya Janata Party, which has been in power since 2014. The Centre has tweaked laws in order to empower investigators, and making it difficult for any accused to defend against terror charges. Hard laws have been accompanied by sweeping security measures by central and State forces. And a smart and effective security policy is indicated by the absence of incidents, that go unnoticed, even as a single lapse can cause a major event and public outcry. It is notable that a potentially more dangerous conspiracy of a chemical terror strike may have been averted with the arrests of several people across States, as well as the recovery of arms, explosives and other material. That said, it is reasonable to assume that policing is only one component of any comprehensive national security approach. A rapid and transparent investigation should be followed by proactive political measures by the government to reassure the citizenry. Terrorist strategy universally is to trigger social chaos and undermine the legitimacy of the state. An effective counterterrorism strategy must also promote social harmony and reinforce the legitimacy of the state.

Fishing troubles

India must persuade its fishermen to give up bottom trawling

The arrest of 14 Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy on November 9 for allegedly crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) and entering Sri Lankan waters could be viewed by some as yet another event statistically. However, the incident forms part of the painful legacy of the Palk Bay dispute, which India and Sri Lanka have still not been able to resolve despite the livelihood of fishing communities on either side being at stake. So far, 128 fishermen from Tamil Nadu, including those apprehended in 2024, and their boats, remain under Sri Lankan custody, as stated in Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's recent letter to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. This is a complex and chronic problem. As far as the fishermen of Tamil Nadu are concerned, they struggle to access traditional fishing waters, even if this means going beyond the IMBL. The duration and cost of each voyage are of not much concern to the fishermen and their employers, who own fishing vessels, as this is a rapid operation. Leaving aside the high possibility of action by Sri Lanka, the swiftness with which each voyage is carried out is what drives fishermen in the name of "tradition". This involves bottom trawling which damages coral beds, shrimp habitats, and depletes fish stocks. The fishermen of the Northern Province, who have still to overcome the trauma of the civil war, would not have a problem even if the Tamil Nadu fishermen cross the IMBL, but follow traditional fishing methods and use small boats. What hurts them more is the use of trawlers which destroy their marine resources.

The Joint Working Group on Fisheries met in Colombo on October 29, 2024. In March this year, fishermen leaders from Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu visited Sri Lanka to hold discussion with their counterparts but there was no official sanction for the initiative of the two fishing communities. The Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna-led National People's Power regime, which has been in office for about a year, has not yet shown any urgency in resolving the dispute, except taking a strident position. Experts have suggested a number of measures to resolve the issue. Apart from learning from the experience of the EU Baltic countries and equitable quotas to conserve the living resources, India and Sri Lanka can set up a research station in the Palk Bay region for experiments to increase living resources and safeguard the marine environment. To boost the confidence of the fishermen of the Northern Province, New Delhi should go the extra mile by launching a liberal assistance scheme to prepare them to move out of bottom trawling and take to deep sea fishing, apart from imposing a ban on the pernicious practice eventually.

The infirmities in the SIR of electoral rolls

P.D.T. Achary

is a former Secretary General, Lok Sabha

The Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls (SIR) ordered by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in 12 States and Union Territories (Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep), where elections are due, has provoked strong protests from some State governments – some have challenged it in the Supreme Court of India. The SIR was conducted in Bihar earlier, beginning in June; the Assembly election has just been held in the State.

The Opposition had opposed the SIR in Bihar on various grounds which included the haste with which such a massive exercise was sought to be done. The Opposition challenged it in the Court on the ground that, *inter alia*, the ECI's power to conduct such an extensive revision after a summary revision done as recently as in 2024 was unconstitutional. Although the Court made some interim observations and directions to protect a voter's right, the constitutional issues have not been settled.

The ECI claimed, while justifying the SIR in Bihar, that the last SIR had been conducted in 2002-03 with demographic changes since then due to large-scale urbanisation, migration and death. Therefore, it was necessary to revise the roll comprehensively to reflect the latest demographic picture in the State.

The issue of timing

The ECI, no doubt, has the statutory right to conduct a comprehensive revision of the electoral roll. But the question as to why it should be done just a couple of months before elections to the Assembly has remained unanswered. The point is that intensive revision involves a massive exercise of enumeration which requires enumerators to visit every household and collect data, deal with claims and objections and decide appeals. In fact, between 2003 and 2024, there have been five general elections to the Lok Sabha and many elections in the States and Union Territories. But the ECI did not conduct an SIR anytime during this period, which is unexplainable. Therefore, it is intriguing why the ECI has chosen to conduct an SIR just before the Bihar elections and now a few months before the Assembly elections in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The preparation and the revision of the electoral roll in the country is dealt with under Section 21 of the Representation of the People (RP) Act, 1950. This section provides for the revision of the roll before the general election to the Lok Sabha or the State Assemblies and revision in "any year" if the ECI so directs.

> Although the top court made interim observations and directions to protect a voter's right, the Election Commission of India's actions do raise questions

On revisions and voter citizenship

It also provides for a special revision in any constituency or a part of it on the direction of the ECI. A careful reading of this legal provision would reveal that the revision before the general election is mandatory and the other revisions are done as and when the ECI directs this; the reasons have to be recorded by the ECI for undertaking such revisions.

Further, a closer look at Rule 25 of the Registration of Electors Rules 1960 would show that revision of the roll done before the elections under Section 21(2)(a) is summary in character and the revision done under Section 21(2)(b) in 'any year' is an intensive revision. The intensive revision is akin to the preparation of a new roll.

Intensive revision, as the name implies, is a comprehensive, and hence time-consuming exercise. Therefore, it should be presumed that this exercise is delinked from the elections and is done in any year when there is no likelihood of a general election. Since the revision before the election is linked to the elections, it can be reasonably assumed that only a summary revision can be done before an election. So, the SIR of the rolls just a couple of months before the elections is not envisaged under the RP Act, 1950.

Another important issue which has come up in the context of the SIR is the nature of the documents which are sought by the ECI to prove the citizenship of voters. Under Article 326 of the Constitution, a voter has to be a citizen of India. So, the issue of citizenship becomes important at the time of enrolment of voters in the electoral list. The documents demanded by the ECI from applicants did not include Aadhaar as the ECI is of the opinion that Aadhaar is not a proof of citizenship.

The matter was settled by the Supreme Court, through an interim order, by directing the ECI to accept Aadhaar also as a document to establish the identity of the voter. As a matter of fact, the main question that arises here is what exactly the powers of the ECI are to determine which documents are necessary to prove the citizenship of Indians.

Citizenship is governed by Articles 5 to 11 of the Constitution and the Citizenship Act of 1955. Under these, Indian citizenship is acquired by birth, descent, registration and naturalisation. The point to note in the context of the SIR is that the law relating to citizenship is administered by the Ministry of Home Affairs and not the ECI. Article 326 says that only a citizen can be the voter, so the question of citizenship of the voter becomes crucially important when the electoral roll is prepared by the ECI which has the exclusive authority to prepare the roll for election to the Assemblies and Parliament. But how does the ECI determine citizenship? Or can the ECI specify the documents to prove the citizenship of voters?

The simple answer is that the ECI is not the authority which can specify the documents to prove citizenship. It can be done only by the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of India. In fact, the ECI can only verify the documents so notified by the government. It is legally not right for the ECI to say that it has the power to determine the citizenship question and to not accept a particular document for this purpose. But the problem is that the Ministry of Home Affairs has so far not notified any comprehensive list of documents which are required by voters to prove their citizenship. In fact, Article 326 impliedly requires the government to specify such documents. In the absence of such a list, the ECI arrogates to itself the power to specify the list of documents which voters should produce before it to prove their citizenship. How can the ECI exercise a power which is vested in the Home Ministry?

A key decision

It is not clear how many voters whose names were in the roll till 2024 were removed from the voters' list in Bihar after the SIR on the ground that they are not citizens because they could not produce any of the documents specified by the ECI. In this context, the Supreme Court's decision in *Lal Babu Hussein And Others v. Electoral Registration Officer And Others* (1995) is of crucial importance. It said: "In the second situation, since the name is already entered, it must be presumed that before entering his name the concerned officer must have gone through the procedural requirements under the statute".

Article 14 forbids any arbitrary action by the state or its agencies. Article 21 forbids the deprivation of the liberty of any person except in accordance with a fair and just procedure. The legal and constitutional authorities need to adhere to these constitutional directions.

Exploited workers, a labour policy's empty promises

Rejimon Kuttappan

is a forced labour investigator

In July, while probing instances of forced labour in the seafood industry on India's eastern coast, this writer met hundreds of women driven to desperation, peeling fish heads on cold tables without gloves, all for meagre wages as farming failed their families. Promised Employees' State Insurance (ESI) and Provident Fund benefits at the time of recruitment, they were reclassified as "daily wagers" a month before my visit. There was a modest wage hike, but they lost both benefits as the company stopped contributions. Vulnerable, they toil long hours –trapped in exploitation that has come to define forced labour – exposing the fragility of their legal safeguards in India's labour landscape.

Against this grim backdrop – where 11 million people endure modern slavery in India, the world's highest – the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government unveiled the draft Shram Shakti Niti 2025, which is claimed to be a "future-ready" policy cloaked in "ancient Indian ethos" from texts such as Manusmriti, but is blind to the brutal realities that workers face.

A case of 'employer ease'

Since late 2021, this writer has interviewed thousands of workers in steel factories, sandstone quarries, seafood plants, and textile mills (across west, northwest, east and south India) hired through middlemen on daily wages, without contracts and stripped of their rights. Paid off the payroll through contractors, these workers are denied legal benefits, languishing as part of the 90% informally employed workforce in India, as in a 2024 International Labour Organization (ILO) report.

This policy flouts labour laws, enables wage theft and erodes worker dignity, defying constitutional protections under Articles 14, 16, and 23. It is a cynical rebrand favouring cultural nostalgia and employer ease over justice for workers.

The policy introduces a portable Universal Social Security Account, merging Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, e-SHRAM, and State boards for lifelong health, pension, maternity, accident, and life insurance across sectors – invoking Article 41 (right to work, education, and public assistance).

Yet, it dodges funding – no gig employer mandates or state matches – risking the e-SHRAM's paltry payouts. Digital IDs, in a situation of only 38% household literacy, result in the exclusion of women, senior citizens and low-literates, violating Article 15. Further, the absence of union safeguards affects bargaining. The initial phase must enforce offline access and tripartite funds, else this is a case of exploitation.

> The draft Shram Shakti Niti 2025 further exposes the gaps in India's labour landscape

On the occupational safety front, the policy pledges strict enforcement of the 2020 Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, with risk audits and gender-sensitive standards, honouring Directive 42 (state can make provision to secure just and humane conditions of work and for maternity relief) and ILO Convention 155 (women's care-role risks).

But the goal of "near-zero fatalities" by 2047 appears fanciful without penalties and given the reality of inspector shortages. Digital tools exclude informal workers, undermining equality; ignoring gig mental health, while union audits weaken Article 19.

Areas of concern

The hints that the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) will become an employment facilitator, by using the Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven National Career Service (NCS) for job matching, credential checks, and skill alignment in Tier-II/III cities and micro and small medium enterprises, merging Skill India to tackle 91.75% graduate mismatches. Yet, absent AI bias safeguards risk caste- and gender-based Article 15 violations.

Ignoring the Wages Code minima for 12 million gig workers – where "flexibility" is a cover for abuse – and unclear transition benefits demand ethics audits and union-vetted algorithms to curb tech-driven inequality.

The policy targets 35% female labour participation by 2030 (from 33.7%) through affordable childcare, flexible gigs, equal pay and apprenticeships –aligning with Article 15's gender equity and the ILO Convention 195's mobility goals. However, without quotas, penalties or sufficient maternity support for informal workers, there can hardly be success. Overlooking youth mental health and caste-gender data gaps hides the unique challenges that Dalit women face, making union-led audits essential for true dignity and progress.

The policy's green-tech vision promotes AI-enhanced safety measures and reskilling opportunities for coal workers, aligning with the climate goals of Sustainable Development Goal 13 and the livelihood rights of Article 21. However, "just transitions" lack substance without income support or union involvement, risking violations of ILO Convention 29. Widening rural-AI gaps and urban-centric green jobs marginalise 400 million informal workers. Tripartite funding and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) safeguards are essential to avert an exploitative eco-trap that undermines dignity.

The policy, which hints at convergence through Labour and Employment Policy Evaluation Index (LEPEI) dashboards, aims to realise Article 12's vision – of just governance – by linking the National Education Policy with Digital India. However, weak enforcement of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act risks enabling surveillance and undermining Article 19's freedoms.

Amid exploitation and digital optimism, the Shram Shakti Niti 2025 projects a "rights-driven, future-ready" vision for Viksit Bharat. But there are gaps beneath its ambitious rhetoric such as weak regulatory oversight, digital exclusion, unenforced penalties and a fragile adherence to ILO conventions. All these would only accelerate the decline of unions in an expanding gig economy.

It is about dignity, rights and justice

Without concrete funding and institutional safeguards, the promise of universal social protection may collapse under its own weight. For millions trapped in informal and forced labour, the policy's success will ultimately be measured not by its digital dashboards, but by its power to restore dignity, rights, and justice to India's working poor.

The 2025-47 rollout needs urgent pilots, with rights audits for accountability. There needs to be tripartite enforcement, offline access for digitally excluded workers, and transparent grievance redressal. Without these, there is the risk of symbolic rhetoric over justice for India's labouring millions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Delhi blast

The ominous high-density explosion in Delhi is a pointer to what some outfits have in mind — to spoil the peace in the country (Front page, November 11). There should not be a gallimaufry, and fair and transparent action is the need of the hour.

Mani Nataraajan,
Chennai

There cannot be an iota of doubt of the hand of terror in this tragedy. Operation Sindoor gave one a glimmer of hope that terrorists would be on the back foot. But their nefarious designs cannot be predicted. It is imperative that the Centre and States and the public are vigilant at all times.

S. Ramakrishnasayee,
Chennai

The tragic loss of lives underscores the need for stronger security and intelligence coordination. However, it is equally important that our response to terrorism remains rooted in unity and justice, avoiding any form of communal polarisation. Senseless acts of violence must not be allowed to erode our shared values of peace and resilience.

Nagarajamani M.V.,
Hyderabad

It is a shock that there has been a loss of lives. Robust bureaucratic support and political will are needed to secure our citizens.

Manas Agarwal,
Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh

The public is not naive anymore. People across social and economic backgrounds do not seek political theatre or chest-thumping nationalism. They seek assurance that their safety is not compromised and that the truth will not be buried under headlines and hashtags. If India aspires to global leadership, it must prove that accountability and transparency are its strongest weapons. Security cannot be reduced to a narrative tool. It is time the government recognises that citizens now expect facts, not rhetoric; clarity, not symbolism.

Aditya Das,
Bhowali, Uttarakhand

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The problem with Vance's conversion wish

Areena Arora

At a recent event, U.S. Vice President J.D. Vance hoped that his wife Usha Vance, who is Hindu, will convert to Christianity some day. Politicians rarely speak by accident. When an elected leader treats his faith as the ultimate ideal for everyone, including his wife, it ceases to be personal. The impulse to share easily becomes an impulse to shape, putting policy in a direct test against the gospel.

A day later, he doubled down on his remarks. "Christians have beliefs. And yes, those beliefs have many consequences, one of which is that we want to share them with other people. That is a completely normal thing, and anyone who's telling you otherwise has an agenda," he posted on X.

Conversion and conquest

While modern political rhetoric is worlds apart from 15th-century decrees, Mr. Vance's public comments evoke a disquieting historical parallel. They are a reminder of a centuries' old phenomenon when monarchs, backed by papal authority, conquered and converted people in the name of faith.

Mr. Vance's comment at the time of his baptism six years ago – that his "views on public policy and what the optimal state should look like are pretty aligned with Catholic social teaching" – and his remarks now echo an older project: the religious justification for the expansion of empire. The belief that the Christian religion must shape public order is the same civilisational justification that fuelled Europe's conquest of the world. In 1493, Pope Alexander VI issued a papal bull called *Inter Caetera* which became known as The Doctrine of Discovery, commanding adherents to colonise and convert native people. Any land not inhabited by Christians was to be claimed and converted to the Catholic faith.

The Pope's decree sanctified expansion, subjugation, and enslavement under the guise of salvation. The voyages for discovery that followed unleashed inarguably one of the most repressive, bloody, and genocidal eras in human history. European dominance did not spread merely because of brute force, but by projecting Christian norms as the sole right way for civilisation to flourish, writes Peruvian sociologist Aníbal Quijano, in his essay 'Coloniality of Power, Eurocentrism, and Latin America'.

Mr. Vance is not alone. Two years ago, the Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson, called the separation of church and state a "misnomer." Lawmakers in Texas and Louisiana, which are Republican strongholds, have passed legislation to mandate the display of the Ten Commandments in classrooms. All these advance the same narrative: that American democracy draws legitimacy from the Bible.

The founding of America

The country's founders, however, set out to reject that premise. In 1776, America's rebellion was not only against monarchy but against theocratic authority. The U.S. Constitution makes no mention of God; it anchors its sovereignty in the people. Article VI of the Constitution forbids any religious test as a qualifier for public office. The First Amendment protects five fundamental freedoms, among which is the freedom of religion, barring Congress from establishing any official religion and prohibiting interference in religious exercise. Mr. Vance's comments stray from the intent of the amendment, using Catholicism as a form of virtue signalling. Founding father James Madison wrote an influential petition laying out 15 arguments against the government's support of churches. Religion, he argued, "can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence." Thomas Jefferson's bill for religious freedom affirmed the separation of the church and state and laid the foundation for religious liberty in the U.S. This principle distinguished the democratic vision the U.S. promoted in the 18th century from societies still shaped by church authority.

American democracy was designed to separate the state from the church. Its leaders are now blurring the lines

Conditional equality

That wall is now being eroded. Republican leaders speak of a Christian revival as a path to national renewal, conflating religion, specifically theirs, with patriotic values. When the state privileges one creed, equality becomes conditional. Non-Christian citizens, including the Vice President's wife; immigrants; and secular Americans are subtly told that they mean less even as ordinary Americans are moving in the opposite direction. As per a 2025 Pew Research Center study, the share of adults identifying as Christian is falling while that of the religiously unaffiliated has grown.

The political insistence on a 'Christian America' is tone-deaf. Faith is not the problem – Christianity, like every major faith, can inspire compassion, justice, and humility. But when it becomes an instrument of governance, it betrays those very principles. A faith secure in itself does not need state power to sustain it. America's founding fathers understood this: liberty of individual conscience was too sacred to be legislated. A government claiming divine mandate cannot remain accountable. American strength has never come from uniform belief and conformity. The Constitution ensures that a Christian, a Hindu, a Muslim, a Jew, and an atheist stand equal before the law. It protects the church from becoming a tool of politics, and politics from becoming an altar of faith.

Mr. Vance's remark reveals a world view that measures belonging by conversion. This is the same impulse that once justified brutal conquest. To hope for a growing church as a public official is to forget that the country's founding was an act of emancipation from precisely that.

When data became the first responder

Andhra handled Cyclone Montha with maturity in disaster governance

STATE OF PLAY

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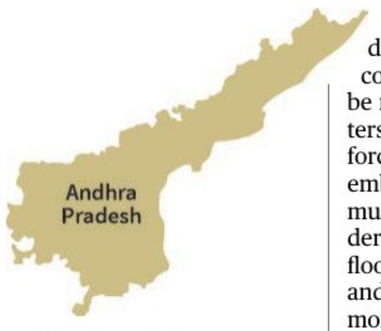


Andhra Pradesh displayed a new level of maturity in disaster governance while dealing with Cyclone Montha, which struck the State's coast between October 27 and 30. Drawing lessons from the past, Andhra Pradesh fought back with precision – guided by data, technology, and teamwork.

The coordinated and technology-driven response demonstrated how governance can evolve from reactive relief to proactive resilience. Instead of waiting for disaster to strike, Andhra Pradesh anticipated it – pre-positioning resources, keeping transformers ready, and ensuring uninterrupted road access for rescue and restoration.

Digital dashboards, predictive analytics, drone surveillance, and GIS tools replaced traditional paperwork and panic-driven coordination. Through the Andhra Pradesh Weather Forecasting and Early Warning Research Centre (AWARE 2.0) and the Real-Time Governance Society (RTGS), the government built a live, interconnected decision system linking departments from Police and Revenue to Health and Panchayat Raj. The RTGS-led Data Lake project aims to integrate all departmental data to improve efficiency, enable services such as digital document storage, and strengthen analytics-based decision-making.

AWARE 2.0's forecasts proved remarkably accurate, predicting wind speeds between 80 kmph and 100 kmph, closely matching the actual 87 kmph recorded. The system enabled 72-hour early alerts and facilitated the evacuation of around 10,000 people from high-impact zones in Kakinada and Konaseema. Over 1.1 crore safety messages were sent to citizens, while more than 12,000 grievances were tracked and resolved in real time through the Manamitra citizen engagement platform. Generators, pumps, and heavy machinery were positioned in advance, ensuring immediate response capability. Power utilities deployed transformer repair teams in advance as well, while digital inventory systems tracked resource deployment to eliminate duplication and ensure that smaller mandals were not overlooked.

National Disaster Response Force and State Disaster Response Force teams were deployed in advance across the coastal belt. Critical equipment, from communication kits to high-capacity pumps, was stationed in vulnerable areas. Arterial roads were kept clear for emergencies. Digital inventory management allowed the government to track where every machine, transformer, and vehicle was located.

Now that is over, officials and experts agree that Cyclone Montha must not remain a one-off triumph, but serve as a blueprint for institutionalised resilience. Technology, while indispensable, cannot guarantee safety on its own. True resilience demands that preparedness become a daily practice. Schools and community buildings must be retrofitted as cyclone shelters; coastal regions reinforced with mangroves and embankments; and budgets must earmark funds for underground power cabling, flood-resistant embankments, and real-time sea-level monitoring.

Andhra Pradesh now has a strong operational blueprint, but sustaining it requires consistent investment and policy continuity. The private sector, too, has a role, by integrating disaster resilience into Environmental, Social, and Governance commitments through insurance coverage, climate-proof infrastructure, and corporate participation in local disaster planning.

Odisha's long-term transformation offers a reference. Since the devastation caused by the 1999 super-cyclone, the State has evolved a community-based preparedness model. Andhra Pradesh can emulate this model by empowering panchayats, decentralising disaster budgets, and embedding climate literacy across administrative levels.

While 'zero casualty' goals rightly focus on saving lives, fiscal planning must also prioritise long-term infrastructure resilience. Disaster mitigation funds should be directed toward strengthening power grids, communication networks, and transport corridors to withstand high-velocity winds and saline corrosion.

Cyclone Montha also exposed the broader ecological dimensions of vulnerability. Deforestation, mangrove loss, and unregulated coastal construction have eroded natural defences. Sustainable coastal planning and ecosystem restoration must, therefore, complement technological innovation.

India recorded the highest greenhouse gas emissions for 2024

However, in per capita terms, India's emissions remained less than half the global average

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

In 2024, India registered the largest absolute increase in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions among all countries compared to the previous year. India was the third largest overall emitter of GHGs in 2024, behind only China and the United States, in absolute terms. However, its per capita GHG emissions remained less than half the global average, highlighting the country's relatively low emissions intensity despite rapid absolute growth.

Worldwide, GHG emissions are on an increasing trend. In 2024, 57,700 metric tonnes of CO2 (MtCO2e) of anthropogenic GHG was emitted, the highest on record **(Chart 1)**.

Fossil CO2 emissions from burning coal, oil, and natural gas accounted for 69% of GHG emissions in 2024 **(Chart 2)**. Emissions from power generation were the largest single source for fossil CO2. This was followed by emissions from industrial combustion, transportation, and fuel production. Anthropogenic CH_4 (methane) emissions – emitted majorly during agricultural and waste management procedures – accounted for 16% of GHG emissions, the second largest share. Deforestation and land-use change also amounted significantly to this year's rise in emissions.

In 2024, India's per capita GHG emissions was 3 tCO2e, less than half of the global average of 6.4 tCO2e **(Chart 3a)**. However, India's per capita GHG emissions grew at 3.7% between 2023 and 2024, much higher than the global average of 0.04% increase **(Chart 3b)**.

The 57,700 MtCO2e worth of GHG emitted globally in 2024 was 1,500 MtCO2e higher than 2023. India contributed 165 MtCO2e to this rise, the highest among all nations. China stood second, contributing 126 MtCO2e **(Chart 4)**.

Carbon climb

The data for the charts were sourced from the United Nations Environment Programme (2025)'s 'Emissions Gap Report 2025: Off target – Continued collective inaction'

Chart 1: Total net anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by gas, 1990–2024

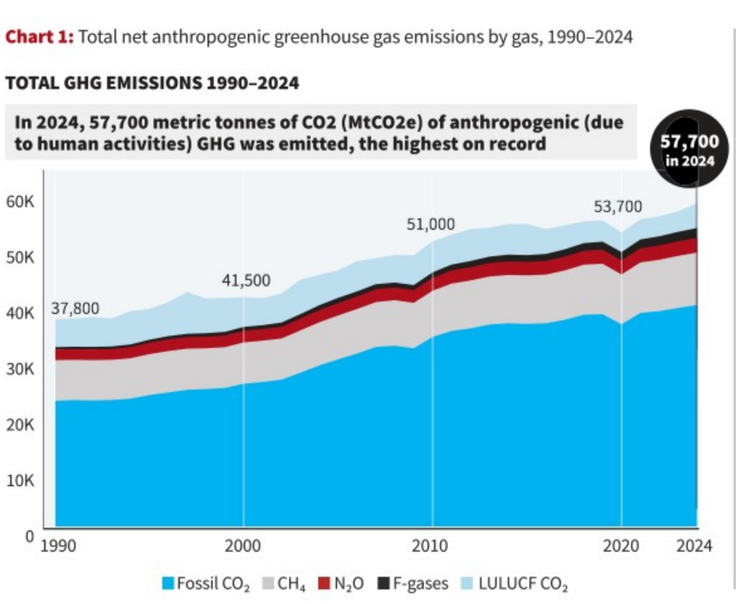


Chart 2: Total net greenhouse gas emissions by gas, sector, and fossil or non-fossil category in 2024

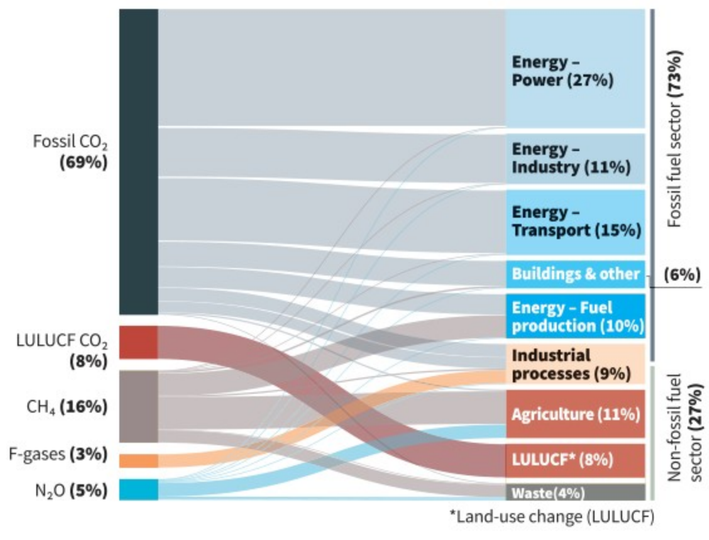


Chart 3A & 3B: Per capita greenhouse gas emissions of the six largest emitters (tCO2e/capita/year).

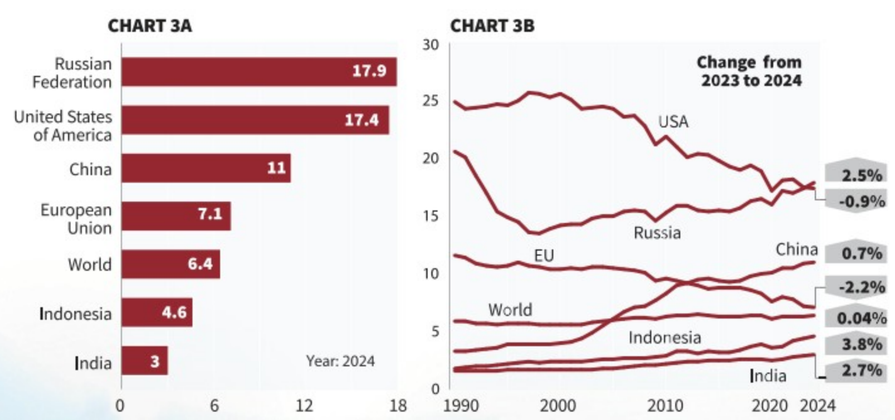
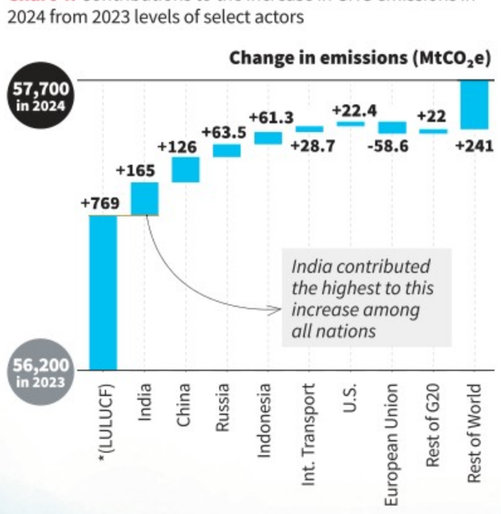


Chart 4: Contributions to the increase in GHG emissions in 2024 from 2023 levels of select actors



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 12, 1975

Compulsory study of science: Centre's plan

New Delhi, Nov. 11: The President, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, to-day cautioned the country against committing the mistakes of industrialised nations which had polluted their biosphere to such an extent as to threaten elements that sustain human life.

Inaugurating the National Science Exhibition organised by the NCERT in collaboration with the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, Mr. Ahmed said the problem of pollution was not as acute as in industrialised countries, "but we have to be very careful and avoid the same mistakes of industrialised nations."

Mr. Ahmed said coupled with the pollution problem were those originating from the squandering of natural resources.

The Education Minister, Mr. Nurul Hasan, welcoming the President, and others said the Government proposed to make science and technology compulsory for all students and improve the method of teaching science. The Government, he said, wanted everyone to have a basic knowledge of science so that he would be able to apply methods of science in life, discarding superstition and obscurantism.

The Health Minister, Mr. Karan Singh, said the Government wanted to organise science exhibitions as part of a national movement to popularise science. The ten-day exhibition, whose main theme was Eco crisis, at Teen Murti House has a number of interesting exhibits from schools all over India.

The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, was present at the meeting.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 12, 1925

Long-range weather forecasts

London, Nov. 11: A prospect of greater accuracy in long-range weather forecasts was indicated in a lecture before the Royal Meteorological Society by Mr. C.G. Abbot, Director of Astrophysical Observatory, Washington. He announced that he was en route for South-West Africa, South-West Algeria and North-East Baluchistan to explore for the site of another solar radiation station under the Smithsonian Institute. He added that the solar outfit and a competent staff would be despatched to the chosen spot next summer.

From Page One

Delhi blast toll hits 13; doctor 'sole occupant'

Two of those doctors – Muzamil Ahmad Ganaie, 32, alias Musaib from Pulwama; and Shaheen, 40, a resident from Lucknow – were arrested from Faridabad on October 30 and November 8 respectively. They were also working at the Al Falah hospital, around 40 km from Delhi. The third doctor, Adeel, a resident of Wanpora in J&K's Kulgam, was arrested from Saharanpur in U.P. on November 5.

These arrests became public on November 10 after the Faridabad police conducted a press conference announcing the seizure of 350 kg of explosives and weapons from the rented home of Dr. Ganaie. The J&K police subsequently issued a statement saying that seven people had been arrested so far in J&K, Haryana, and U.P., while about 2,900 kg of explosives, weapons, timers, batteries, and metal sheets were recovered.

'Premature bomb, limited impact'

Another government source said that Dr. Nabi was initially not a suspect and by the time his role became clear, after the explosives were seized from Faridabad, "he went missing."

"Raids by security agencies across multiple locations in Delhi-NCR and Pulwama, recovering significant quantities of explosives, are believed to have led the suspect to act hastily under mounting pressure. The bomb was premature and not fully developed, thus limiting the impact. It did not create a crater, and no shrapnel or projectiles were found," the source said.

A government source told *The Hindu* that the car can be seen on the CCTV footage, entering Delhi from Faridabad through the Badarpur toll plaza at 7.04 a.m. on Monday morning. In the video, accessed by *The Hindu*, the driver can be seen wearing a black mask and paying cash at the toll gate. A bag can be seen on the rear seat.

Another government official added that it was too early to conclude that this was a suicide attack. "We are waiting for the forensic report to ascertain the nature of explosives. If it was a suicide attack, the suspect would have driven the car into a police post or a crowded place for maximum impact. This car exploded as it slowed down near a traffic signal, we cannot rule out anything," the official said.

In highest turnout since 1951, Bihar registers 67% polling

Poll panel says 62.8% men and 71.6% women voted in the two-phase election; BJP says it will 'break the record of the 2010 election results'; Opposition says there is a wave in its favour, asks party workers to remain vigilant against 'vote thieves'

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Making a mark: People waiting to cast their votes at Kurtha village in Bihar on Tuesday. R.V. MOORTHY

Bihar recorded a turnout of nearly 67% after two phases of polling, 9.6% more than that in the previous Assembly election, the Election Commission said on Tuesday.

The second and final phase of voting on Tuesday saw a 68.79% turnout with reports from around 2,000 booths yet to be tallied, Bihar Chief Electoral Officer Vinod Singh Gunjiyal said.

Polling was held for 122 Assembly seats spread over 20 districts with 1,302 candidates.

According to the details shared by the Election Commission, this was the highest voter turnout recorded in the State since 1951. The turnout among male voters was 62.8% and among women voters 71.6%.

Out of the 20 districts that went to the polls on Tuesday, the Muslim-dominated Kishanganj recorded the highest voter turnout at 77.75%, while Nawada recorded the lowest with 57.76%.

According to the poll panel, more than 8.5 lakh polling-related staff, over 1.4 lakh polling agents appointed by 2,616 contesting candidates, 243 general observers, 38 police observers, and 67 expenditure observers were part of the election machinery.

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary said the women, youth and people from all sections of society of Bihar voted for "development". He added that the NDA would "break the record of the 2010 election results" and form the government with a "huge majority".

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said that Bihar had shown an overwhelming support for the NDA in the second phase. "Record turnout in the first and second phases clearly indicated that the NDA is pursuing its commitment to a developed Bihar and a developed India. The NDA's vision is clear: only when Bihar progresses the country will progress. Voters have given their support to the NDA for a developed Bihar," he said.

He said that the record turnout in the last phase demonstrates that the people had rejected the patrons of 'jungle raj', 'goonda raj', and corruption.

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha said that the voter participation had set "an example for the nation". "These figures demonstrate the deep faith of the people of Bihar in the democratic system. Reports coming from various parts of the State clearly indicate that a double-engine government is once again poised to form in Bihar with an unprecedented mandate. The people have blessed the strong leadership of the PM and CM, instead of the empty promises of the RJD and Congress," he said.

Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation Bihar State secretary Kunal said the second phase of voting showed an even stronger wave in favour of the Grand Alliance than in the first phase. He said that it had become clear that the 20-year-old NDA rule in Bihar was coming to an end, and a grand alliance government will be formed.

'Maintain vigilance'

He said that in six seats the party was contesting, there were attempts to intimidate voters supporting the Grand Alliance. "Despite all this, youth, women, Dalits, minorities and vulnerable sections of society enthusiastically voted for change," Mr. Kunal said. He said that there was a need to be vigilant against "vote thieves".

Mr. Kunal appealed to counting agents to maintain strict vigilance during the vote counting on November 14 to ensure that the ruling party did not have any opportunity to manipulate the process.

SC stays order to form SIT with equal representation

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai on Tuesday stayed a particular direction by a Division Bench to the Maharashtra government to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising senior police officers from both Hindu and Muslim communities to probe allegations made by a 17-year-old Muslim boy over the murder and assault of a man during the Akola communal riots of 2023.

Chief Justice Gavai informed Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Maharashtra, that the Bench was staying the direction "to constitute an SIT comprising senior police officers of both Hindu and Muslim communities" in the September 2025 judgment.

The State had argued that the direction to constitute an SIT of officers of both communities would impinge upon the principle of institutional secularism and amounted to prejudging communal bias on the part of public servants.

The case concerned the complaints made by Mohammad Afzal Mohammad Sharif, who had allegedly witnessed four men fatally attacking a man in an autorickshaw during riots in May 2023.

Bypolls across seven States conducted peacefully

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Byelections to eight Assembly constituencies across seven States passed off peacefully on Tuesday, with the Anta constituency in Baran district of Rajasthan reporting the highest voter turnout of 80%.

Polling was held in Budgam and Nagrota (Jammu and Kashmir), Anta (Rajasthan), Ghatshila (Jharkhand), Jubilee Hills (Telangana), Tarn Taran (Punjab), Dampa (Mizoram), and Nuapada (Odisha).

In Jammu and Kashmir, Budgam recorded a 48% turnout. The contest is seen as a test for Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who won from two constituencies (Budgam and Ganderbal) in the 2024 Assembly election. He retained Ganderbal and resigned from Budgam, forcing a bypoll. Aga Syed Mehmood of the National Conference (NC) faces Aga Muntazir of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the NC stronghold.

Nagrota saw a 74.63% turnout. The seat fell vacant after the death of Devender Singh Rana. His daughter, Devyani Rana, is contesting on BJP ticket against the NC's Shamim Begum, and the Jammu Kashmir National Panthers Party president Harsh Dev Singh.

Getting inked: Women show their fingers marked with indelible ink after casting their votes in the Budgam bypoll on Tuesday. ANI

Punjab's Tarn Taran witnessed around 61% turnout amid a multi-cornered contest. The Aam Aadmi Party's Harmeet Singh Sandhu, the Congress's Karanbir Singh, the Shiromani Akali Dal's Sukhwinder Kaur, and the BJP's Harjit Singh Sandhu are in the fray. Independent Mandeep Singh, backed by radical Sikh outfits, is contesting.

In Mizoram's Dampa, a 75.92% turnout was recorded. The bypoll was necessitated by the death of Mizo National Front (MNF) MLA Lalrintluanga Sailo. A loss for the MNF, could endanger their claim for the post for the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly.

The Anta constituency saw over 80% turnout. The seat fell vacant after BJP MLA Kanwar Lal Meena was disqualified. The Congress's Pramod Jain faces the BJP's Morpal Suman and Independent Naresh Meen. The bypoll is viewed as a test for the ruling BJP's organisational unity, as a victory in Anta will confirm the BJP's influence in the Hadoti region, long considered a stronghold of former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje.

In Jubilee Hills, the bypoll was necessitated by the death of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLA Maganti Gopinath. The BRS has fielded Maganti Sunitha, while the Congress's Naveen Yadav is backed by the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM). It is the first test of the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government in the State.

Odisha's Nuapada recorded 75.37% turnout. The bypoll, necessitated by the death of Biju Janata Dal leader Rajendra Dholakia, has become a prestige contest between the BJP, which fielded the deceased MLA's son Jay Dholakia against the BJD's Snehangini Chhuria and Congress's Ghasiram Majhi.

Delhi blast culprits will not be spared, says Narendra Modi

Rahul Karmakar
THIMPHU

Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the conspirators behind Monday's car explosion near the Red Fort in Delhi that killed at least 13 people "will not be spared".

Addressing the people of Bhutan and 20 other countries who have converged for the 16-day Global Peace Prayer Festival (GPPF) in Thimphu, the Prime Minister stated that he had been in touch with all the agencies investigating the blast throughout the night.

"Our agencies will get to the bottom of this conspiracy, and the conspirators will not be spared," he said, speaking at the Changlimithang Stadium.

"All those responsible will be brought to justice," Mr. Modi said.

Mr. Modi landed in Thimphu, Bhutan's capital, on Tuesday morning on a two-day visit to participate in the 70th birthday celebrations of Jigme Singye Wangchuk, the Himalayan country's fourth King, revered as the Father of Bhutan.

He said participating in the GPPF was his commitment to Bhutan's royal family, the people, and all who believe in world peace.

"But I came here with a heavy heart because of the lives lost in the Delhi blast. I can feel the pain of the affected people, and the entire country shares their grief," Mr. Modi said.

The Bhutanese leadership, including the fifth (current) King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk and Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, conveyed their condolences on the "tragic loss of precious lives" in the Delhi explosion, and offered special prayers for all those affected by the blasts.

"India has always stood by Bhutan. India has always supported Bhutan. Likewise, Bhutan stands firmly with India because we share a common destiny," King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk said. Mr. Modi's presence for a momentous day in Bhutan "speaks a million words" and "has deeply touched our people", he said.

(This correspondent is in Thimphu at the invitation of the Bhutan government)

SC says SIR is not the first voter list revision; Opposition says it's being done in haste now

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

In progress: Booth-level officials distribute enumeration forms as part of the SIR on the Mousuni Island in West Bengal. AFP

The Supreme Court on Tuesday interrogated Opposition parties, leaders, and NGOs for their negative portrayal of the Election Commission's special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, including their claims that the exercise amounts to "citizenship screening" in disguise and threatens to disenfranchise lakhs of voters.

"You people want to project as if revision of electoral rolls is happening for the first time in this country! We also know the ground reality. A Constitutional functionary is undertaking an exercise... There can be some procedural deficiency. Those can be pointed out and rectified. You are saying as if the democratic process is being threatened... There is already an electoral roll, this is just a process to revise it," Chief Justice of India-designate Justice Surya Kant said, addressing Tamil Nadu's ruling party, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), and leaders from West Bengal.

Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are among the 12 States and Union Territories included in the second phase of the SIR exercise, announced on October 28, covering 51 crore voters.

Hasty process

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing the DMK and some West Bengal MPs, took on the challenge from the Bench, responding that revisions have indeed happened in the past, but pointing out that the process in those instances was careful and long, taking almost three years.

"Now, the EC wants it done in a month... Ultimately, lakhs of people are going to be excluded from the voter list," he replied.

The enumeration stage for SIR 2.0 will continue till December 4 and the EC will release the draft electoral rolls on December 9. The final electoral rolls will be published on February 7, 2026.

The senior counsel said that only 61.43% enumeration forms have been given out in Tamil Nadu so far, during seven days of distribution till November 10. Of these, only 4,713 forms have been digitised. "If this is taken into account, lakhs of forms cannot be digitised before the date of publication of the draft electoral roll. Hence, there is imminent danger of lakhs of voters losing their franchise," Mr. Sibal argued.

Mr. Sibal termed the current SIR a "farcical exercise", referring to the EC's inexplicable inclusion of an "extract of the electoral roll of Bihar SIR with reference to July 1, 2025" in its list of 13 types of documents that could be submitted as proof of identity during scrutiny in the second phase of the SIR .

"An extract of the electoral roll of the Bihar SIR has been added as the 13th document. What has the Bihar SIR got to do with elections in Tamil Nadu was not made clear. This has become a cause of confusion in the minds of the electors as well as parties in Tamil Nadu and other States... " Mr. Sibal said.

The Bench issued notice to the EC on the petitions challenging the constitutionality of the SIR.

Advocates Prashant Bhushan and Neha Rathi, appearing for the NGO Association for Democratic Reforms, suggested alternative measures to weed dead and duplicate voters from the electoral rolls.

Mr. Bhushan said the EC had a de-duplication software which can be run to identify duplicate names. Likewise, gram sabhas or panchayat sabhas could be organised to identify voters who had migrated or were dead.

The court listed the case for hearing on November 26.

A thorough probe will be conducted, says Rajnath

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday offered his condolences to the victims of the Delhi blast and vowed that those responsible "will not be spared".

Speaking at the Delhi Defence Dialogue organised by the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), he said the country's premier investigative agencies are conducting a swift and thorough probe and that findings will be made public. Mr. Singh described the incident as a grave affront to public safety and promised the full weight of the law would fall on perpetrators. "I pray for strength and solace to the bereaved families in this hour of sorrow," he said.

Later, Mr. Singh spoke on the topic "Harnessing New Age Technology for Defence Capability Development".

APPEAL

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Woman doctor arrested in J&K terror module case linked to Delhi car blast

Five arrested in Kashmir Valley; three doctors, all working at Al Falah University, were arrested from Faridabad in Haryana and Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh between October 30 and November 8; officials say doctors were trying to create a base for the terror group outside the Kashmir Valley

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Alert mode: Police personnel and those from other investigative agencies deployed in an area cordoned off after the blast near the Red Fort in New Delhi, on Tuesday. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

The Red Fort car explosion was preceded by a 20-day probe by the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Police to find a "terror module" linked to two terror outfits: Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AguH).

On Tuesday, a J&K Police source said that a woman identified as Shaheen Saeed (40) had also been arrested in the case, making her the eighth accused in the case. At least 20 more are being questioned in the Valley.

While the JeM is a Pakistan-based terror organisation, AguH, the Indian cell of the global terror outfit Al Qaeda, was founded by Zakir Musa, who was killed in an encounter with security forces in 2019.

Began with a pamphlet

As reported, a pamphlet that surfaced in Srinagar on October 19, asking the local people not to cooperate with the police and refuse them entry in their shops, led the police to a cleric in Shopian which unravelled the alleged terror plot and led to the discovery of 2,900 kg of explosive substances and sophisticated weapons during raids in Faridabad on November 9 and 10 (Sunday and Monday). The Delhi blast took place on Monday.

While five arrests were made in the Kashmir Valley, three doctors, all working at Al Falah University in Faridabad, were arrested from the Haryana city and Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh between October 30 and November 8. They included Dr. Shaheen.

The other two doctors are Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie (32) from Pulwama and Adeel, a resident of Wanpora, Kulgam.

Ferrying explosives

On Dr. Shaheen's role, a government source said, "It was from her car that we seized an assault rifle. She is a close friend of Dr. Muzammil and she knew her car was being used to ferry explosives." Dr. Shaheen is a resident of Lucknow.

The source said that the doctors were allegedly trying to create a base for the terror group outside the Kashmir Valley.

"We had no idea about the enormity of the case. After the cleric's arrest, we recovered sophisticated weapons at the instance of the accused. It was only after the 2,900 kg of explosives were seized in Faridabad that the intensity of the attack could be understood. A bulk of the explosives was seized on November 10 from the home of Mohammad Ishtiyaq, a resident of Mewat in Haryana who was working as a cleric at Al Falah college," the source said.

Earlier, 350 kg of ammonium nitrate was seized from the rented home of Dr. Muzammil.

Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a review meeting on the Delhi car blast with the senior officials. "Instructed them to hunt down each and every culprit behind this incident. Everyone involved in this act will face the full wrath of our agencies," said Mr. Shah on X.

INBRIEF

Uttar Pradesh on high alert, raid conducted in Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh remains on high alert with intensive checking across the State on Tuesday in view of the blast near Red Fort in Delhi. Sensitive cities in the State, including Lucknow, Ayodhya, Agra, and Saharanpur witnessed beefed up security arrangements. "To maintain strong security and vigilance in the State, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath *ji*, after receiving information about the incident from Director General of Police Rajiv Krishna, has given instructions to keep the entire police force in Uttar Pradesh on high alert...," an official statement said. Teams from the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and Jammu & Kashmir Police conducted a raid at the residence of one Dr. Parvez Ansari in Lucknow. Dr. Ansari is believed to have links with Dr. Shaheen Saeed, who was arrested on Monday in connection with the Faridabad terror module.

Left parties condemn blast, call for time-bound probe

Several Left parties on Tuesday strongly condemned the bomb blast near Red Fort in the national capital, expressing grief over the loss of lives and injuries caused by the attack. The Communist Party of India (Marxist) Polit Bureau described the incident as a "dastardly bomb attack" and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. It noted with concern reports of large quantities of explosives and firearms being recovered from areas around Delhi, suggesting the involvement of an organised network. The Communist Party of India (CPI) also expressed deep shock and grief over the explosion, conveying condolences to the families of the victims and wishing a speedy recovery to the injured. It demanded a thorough, transparent and time-bound probe.

Family members of Dr. Muzammil Ganaie, a resident of Pulwama, wailing over his arrest from Faridabad on Tuesday. ANI

Kin of suspects in shock and disbelief

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Security agencies on Tuesday recorded the statements of family members of the doctors under scanner for terror activities, and collected samples for DNA matching, as the deadly Red Fort blast trail reached Kashmir.

A sense of disbelief prevailed among the families of the three doctors.

The J&K Police questioned the family members, including the father and mother of main accused, Dr. Umar Nabi, a resident of Pulwama. Security agencies believe Dr. Nabi was driving the explosives-laden car.

At his two-storey house, Dr. Nabi's family expressed shock and disbelief at his alleged role in the blasts. The family says Dr. Nabi was a "religious-oriented person and passionate cricketer", who left for Delhi in March last year.

The family members of Dr. Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie, alias Musaib, another terror suspect, are shocked. Dr. Ganaie was pursuing a postgraduate course at Al-Falah College in Haryana's Faridabad.

"This is the first time that we are witnessing raids at home...," Dr. Ganaie's mother said.

Meanwhile, security forces stepped up frisking and search of vehicles across the Kashmir Valley, especially on the Srinagar-Jammu highway, railway stations and towns.

After AK-47 rifle recovery, Kashmir hospitals order audit of doctors' lockers

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The Government Medical College, Srinagar directed all faculty members and students to label their lockers. FILE PHOTO

Several government hospitals in Kashmir started a drive on Tuesday to identify unclaimed lockers and issued directions to the staff to properly label those that have been allotted to doctors. The action comes days after an AK-47 rifle was recovered from the locker of a former doctor at the Government Medical College in Anantnag.

In an official communique, the Medical Superintendent of GMC, Anantnag, directed all heads of departments "to identify lockers and almirahs in their respective departments and wards and to label them with the names of the staff members to whom they are allotted".

The order also called for reporting any unidentified locker or almirah not owned by any staff member for necessary action. The directive emphasises accountability and aims to prevent misuse of unclaimed storage spaces within the hospital and college premises, officials said.

In a similar order, the Government Medical College in Srinagar also directed all faculty members, paramedical staff, and students to identify and label their lockers with their name, designation, and code by November 14. The move aims to remove unclaimed and surplus lockers occupying hospital and college corridors at GMC, Srinagar, and SMHS Hospital, officials said.

The order warned that employees would not be issued the last pay certificate, no-objection certificate, or service books during transfers "until their lockers are properly handed over".

On November 7, an AK-47 rifle was recovered from a former doctor's locker at the Anantnag GMC. The doctor, Adeel Ahmad Rather of Kulgam, now in police custody, served as a senior resident until October 24, 2024. The police lodged a first information report under Sections 7 and 25 of the Arms Act and Sections 13, 28, 38, and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in the case.

Security measures tightened at airports

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NEW DELHI

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has ordered tighter measures at all airports after Monday's blast in Delhi, prompting airlines to urge passengers to arrive early for their flights.

The aviation security regulator has also sought monitoring of non-conventional flying objects, including drones near airports.

Airlines have been instructed to deploy additional security guards and ensure full search of all aircraft and catering equipment. Security at all access control points at the airport will be enhanced, and random checking at terminal gates and that of baggage have been ordered.

The BCAS has also instructed airlines to carry out secondary ladder point checks, requiring another round of screening for passengers and baggage before boarding.

Airlines have urged travellers to allow extra time for security checks.

AAP, Congress criticise ruling BJP over security 'lapses'

Both the Congress and AAP attacked the government on Tuesday over alleged security lapses that led to the blast at the Red Fort. This came as Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced a compensation of ₹10 lakh each to the families of the deceased. "Those permanently disabled due to the blast will receive ₹5 lakh, the seriously injured ₹2 lakh, and those with minor injuries ₹20,000," the CMO said. Delegations from the Congress and the AAP visited the injured people at LNJP Hospital. Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav said, "Congress has been raising questions about Delhi's law and order, which were not taken seriously." AAP Delhi chief Saurabh Bharadwaj said the government could not arrange an ambulance for the poor families who lost their loved ones.

Foreign leaders condemn explosion and mourn the dead

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NEW DELHI

Messages of condemnation poured in from across the world after Monday's deadly blast near the Red Fort in New Delhi left at least 13 dead and dozens injured.

The Foreign Minister of Israel, Gideon Sa'ar, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Anwar Ibrahim, Ambassadors of several countries, and the Taliban administration of Afghanistan are among those who have condemned the blast.

"I extend my and Israel's deepest condolences to the people of India and especially to the families of the innocent victims killed in the blast at the heart of Delhi. Wishing speedy recovery to the wounded. Israel stands with India in its fight against terror," Mr. Sa'ar said.

"If confirmed to be an act of terror, it deserves the strongest condemnation. There can be no justification for violence that targets innocent lives and sows fear among ordinary people," the Malaysian Prime Minister said.

Singapore High Commissioner Simon Wong has expressed his country's strong condemnation, describing the blast as an "act of terror".

In her message, Nepal Prime Minister Sushila Karki conveyed her "deepest condolences" over the incident. "Nepal stands in solidarity with India in this hour of grief," she said.

The Spokesperson of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lin Jian, conveyed "deepest sympathies". "Our hearts go out to those affected by the fatal explosion near Delhi's Red Fort metro station...," the spokesperson said.

Bangladesh High Commissioner M. Riaz Hamidullah condoled the deaths. "Our thoughts and prayers remain with all those impacted, including their families. Bangladesh stands by India at this distressful hour," Mr. Hamidullah said.

Russian Ambassador Denis Alipov condemned the blast. "Shocked by the explosion at the Red Fort. Confident that the ongoing thorough investigation will determine the cause of the incident. We express condolences to the families of the victims and wish a speedy recovery to the injured," Mr. Alipov said.

The Taliban administration of Afghanistan, which is in the process of upgrading diplomatic ties with India, has also conveyed its condemnation of the incident.

J&K Mirwaiz condemns blast; MP to go on hunger strike

Kashmir's chief cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq condemned the Red Fort blast on Tuesday, while imprisoned Kashmiri MP Engineer Rashid of the Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) will hold a two-day hunger strike to condemn the deaths from Wednesday. "I am deeply saddened by the tragic car blast in Delhi that has claimed precious lives and injured many," the Mirwaiz said in a post on X. Engineer Rashid raised concerns over media reports that even educated Kashmiris, including doctors, are being pushed towards the path of violence. "Through his hunger strike, he wants to remind Kashmiris that we cannot afford to lose more young and educated people," AIP spokesperson Inam Un Nabi said.

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INBRIEF

Esha Deol quashes rumours, says Dharmendra recovering

Veteran actor Dharmendra's daughter Esha Deol on Tuesday quashed rumours of his death, saying that "he is stable and recovering". She asked the media to stop circulating false news about his health as the 89-year-old star remains under observation at the Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai. "The media seems to be in overdrive and spreading false news. My father is stable and recovering," Ms. Esha wrote on her Instagram handle. Dharmendra's wife, actor-politician Hema Malini, also slammed the media for "irresponsible" behaviour of declaring his death. Meanwhile, tributes poured in from leaders and artists including Rajnath Singh, Javed Akhtar, though some later deleted their post on X.

Partha Chatterjee, former Bengal Minister, out of jail

On Tuesday, former West Bengal Education Minister and senior Trinamool Congress leader Partha Chatterjee was released from jail after three years and three months. He and his close associate Arpita Mukherjee were arrested in the West Bengal School recruitment scam on July 23, 2022. Mr Chatterjee was in a private hospital due to his deteriorating health condition for over 200 days and was released on Tuesday after furnishing his bond money. He was released on bail on Monday, and discharged from the hospital on Tuesday. BJP State president Samik Bhattacharya said the scam was not solely Mr Chatterjee's doing, and urged him to name all.

Don't use COP30 to change Paris deal 'architecture': India

Country says the parties 'must remain committed to and guided by equity'; it urges the Brazil COP Presidency to make a special call to the Parties to submit their National Adaptation Plan

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India made its opening statement at COP30 in Belem, Brazil, underlining that the climate conference ought to be stressing "adaptation", and the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement, signed in 2015, should not be used to "change the architecture" of that consensus.

This "architecture" refers to the agreed-upon principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR)", which means that all countries must do their bit to curb fossil fuel emissions but without compromising on national economic-development priorities.

Dwindling finance

With the withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Agreement and developed countries agreeing to mobilise only $300 billion – and not the demanded $1.35 trillion annually – by 2035 as "climate finance" (to cope with unfolding climate disasters as well as move away from fossil fuels), developing countries, including India, saw this as a reneging on agreed commitments.

Common cause: Attendees walking in front of the main entrance to the COP30 UN Climate Change Conference in Belem, Brazil. AFP

"We must remain committed to and guided by equity and common but differentiated responsibilities. The cornerstone principles of the Convention and its Paris Agreement signed all of us to the CBDR in Brazil back in 1992. We must reaffirm our strongest commitment to the principles here, not attempt to sideline and ignore them," India delegation member Suman Chandra said as part of a collective of Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) on Tuesday.

'Architecture' refers to the principle of 'common but differentiated responsibilities'

"Over the next two weeks, we must stay true to the cause and advance adaptation, which is among the most important issues for us. The [Brazil COP] Presidency must make a special call to the Parties to submit their National Adaptation Plan in line with national priorities and progress," she added.

The LMDC is a large collective that represents nearly half of the world's population, and consists of China, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Cuba, Egypt and several others.

India is yet to submit its National Adaptation Plan and the updated Nationally Determined Contribution, which specifies steps to curb fossil fuel emission by 2035, to the United Nations.

"We are not here to point fingers, but the facts speak for themselves. We cannot simply bypass the roadblocks and the impediments to implementation," Ms. Chandra added.

"Developed countries need to reach net zero much earlier than projected. They should invest significantly more in negative emission technologies," Tanmay Kumar, Secretary, Environment Ministry and part of the India delegation, said on behalf of a joint statement by another grouping called BASIC (Brazil India China South Africa). The LMDC had pushed for including a discussion on the responsibility of developed countries on the COP30 agenda but in the larger spirit of "consensus" was moved to a separate negotiating track by COP30 President André Corrêa do Lago.

SC judge: imported ideas may not save endangered species

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Supreme Court judge Justice P.S. Narasimha on Tuesday said many environmental law principles imported from the West such as "inter-generational equity" are anthropocentric and would hardly be of any assistance in protecting an endangered species from extinction.

Justice Narasimha made these oral observations while hearing a petition filed by M.K. Ranjitsinh on the conservation of the dying species of the Great Indian Bustard, which is being bred in captivity, and the Lesser Florican.

Senior advocate Shyam Divan, appearing for the petitioner, said there were 70 bustards in captivity and 150 in the wild. Lesser Floricans number 70.

"That is all... Captive breeding may be successful with the Great Indian Bustard, but it is not showing success with the Lesser Florican. Extinction is not an option for these two species," he said.

'Biblical roots'

Justice Narasimha said principles such as inter-generational equity had "Biblical" roots, with humans at the top.

The Great Indian Bustard

The judge referred to how, 13 years ago, a *amicus curiae* in the red sanders conservation case, had urged the Supreme Court to consider the "intrinsic worth" of an endangered species rather than its "instrumental value to human beings".

He criticised principles such as inter-generational equity which "pre-supposes the higher needs of human beings and lays down that exploitation of natural resources must be equitably distributed between the present and future generation". The judge said the court, in its judgment in the red sanders case, had accepted his submissions on the need to take an ecocentric approach, which "obliges every citizen to have compassion for all living creatures", in biodiversity law.

Six Maoists killed in Bijapur encounter

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

At least six Maoists were killed in an operation in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Tuesday, the police said.

Arms and ammunition were recovered from the spot in the National Park area of Bijapur, and the operation had not been called off till 7 p.m, they said. Around 10 a.m., intermittent exchange of fire began between the Maoists and a joint team of the District Reserve Guard and the Special Task Force in the forest area. During the search operation later in the day, the bodies of six Maoists, automatic weapons (INSAS), Sten guns, .303 rifles, and other weapons were seized, said Bijapur Superintendent of Police Jitendra Yadav.

States ruled by non-BJP parties insist on wider consultation on draft labour policy and codes

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Issues such as the draft labour policy and the implementation of four Labour Codes came up for discussion at the two-day National Conference of Labour & Employment and Industry Ministers and Secretaries of States and the Union Territories that began here on Tuesday.

The Union government said the meeting was aimed at accelerating the implementation of key labour policies and initiatives, decent employment generation, and social security initiatives.

Inaugurating the event, Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the government had placed the citizen at the heart of every policy. Highlighting the importance of the newly launched Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY), with an outlay of nearly ₹1 lakh crore to create 3.5 crore jobs, he asked the States to align their employment programmes with this national mission for maximum synergy and impact.

The Union Minister launched a mobile app for connecting building and construction workers with employers

Non-BJP-ruled States such as Kerala demanded wider consultation with the States, trade unions and other stakeholders before implementing the new draft labour policy and the four Labour Codes.

Talking to *The Hindu*, Kerala Labour Minister V. Sivankutty said he demanded that the Centre consult all trade unions and the States on the draft labour policy. "I informed the meeting about certain reservations the State has about implementing the four Labour Codes. Wider consultations should be held with workers and their representatives before implementing the policy and the codes," he said.

Labour app

Mr. Mandaviya launched a Digital Labour Chowk app for connecting construction workers with employers. The meeting discussed the draft Private Placement Agency (Regulation) Act to establish uniform rules for placement ecosystem, bringing transparency to recruitment.

SC acquits Koli in final Nithari case, says conviction can't be on 'conjecture'

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday acquitted Surendra Koli, prime accused in the Nithari killings, in the only case where his conviction and life sentence had remained in force. The court said that convictions, particularly in cases involving capital punishment, could not rest on mere "conjecture" and that due process must prevail.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai and Justices Surya Kant and Vikram Nath observed that upholding the 2011 verdict convicting Mr. Koli would amount to a "manifest miscarriage of justice" when he had already been acquitted in 12 other connected cases arising from the same set of facts and evidence. The Bench therefore directed that he be released forthwith.

Surendra Koli

"To allow a conviction to stand on an evidentiary basis that this Court has since rejected as involuntary or inadmissible in the very same fact matrix offends Article 21 of the Constitution. It also violates Article 14 of the Constitution, since like cases must be treated alike. Arbitrary disparity in outcomes on an identical record is inimical to equality before the law," the Bench observed.

The Bench was hearing Mr. Koli's curative petition, his final legal remedy before the Supreme Court.

Tuesday's verdict draws to a close nearly two decades of litigation surrounding one of India's most harrowing criminal trials. It also marks a rare instance of the top court overturning its own earlier ruling through the exercise of its extraordinary curative jurisdiction.

In July, the Supreme Court had affirmed Mr. Koli's acquittal in 12 of the 13 cases linked to the Nithari killings, citing serious procedural lapses, unreliable evidence, and multiple irregularities in the investigation.

While acknowledging that the "finality of decisions" is a cornerstone of judicial discipline, the Bench observed that the court's extraordinary curative jurisdiction must still be invoked when a conviction rests on evidence already found to be legally unsound, especially when such infirmities have been recognised by the Supreme Court itself in related cases. It then proceeded to highlight several serious irregularities in the probe, noting that the crime scene was left unsecured before excavation.

Unsolved case

The court acknowledged that the Nithari killings were "heinous" and that the "suffering of the families is beyond measure." However, it expressed "deep regret" that despite an extensive investigation, the real perpetrator's identity could not be established to legal standards.

In 2007, the discovery of skeletal remains of several children in a drain behind a Noida house where Mr. Koli worked exposed a series of murders.

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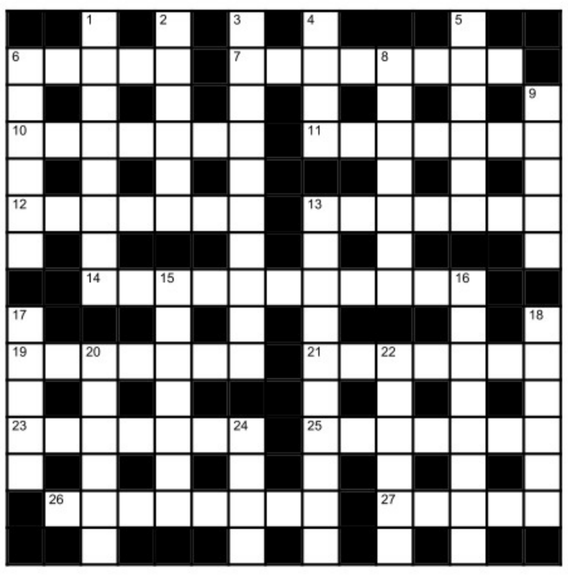

Across

6 Boy initially refused to have toast (5)
7 No afterthought perhaps about getting a listening device (8)
10 Stay in America, invest outside (7)
11 Imagine Queen perhaps jamming, performing live (7)
12 What supervisors do about some trainees revolting (7)
13 English women crowding section near church entrance (7)
14 The way a criminal behaves in "Don" - stylish, essentially great acting (11)
19 Story about victory - yes, saving a tree (4,3)
21 Make the negatives visible to bring out potential (7)
23 Songs and dances stopped by angry devotees initially (7)
25 Repair shop again? (7)
26 This one thinks cold beer's bad. Odd. (8)
27 Tubby's not been seen regularly (5)

Down

1 God, he has drunk a large amount of alcohol (8)
2 Sent back hostel night-watchmen guarding entrances (6)
3 Embroidery that is done by an acupuncturist? (10)
4 Good, clean food (4)
5 One new group for cricket perhaps (6)
6 Give Cream of Wheat to begin with (6)
8 Fool waving white flag endlessly (4-3)
9 Husband seen in eatery in city (5)
13 A small fragment of food could provide a clue (10)
15 Time to keep gold in warehouse (7)
16 Cry aloud getting more depressed, more sickly-looking (8)
17 Bail one out with this? (5)
18 Set openers of Sunrisers playing at this point (6)
20 So, without right detaining everyone in Kashmir perhaps (6)
22 Perception: Not in favour of plan (6)
24 Certainly, he argues back regularly (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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4	5	7	6	1	9	8	3	2
7	8	1	5	6	2	3	4	9
6	2	4	3	9	8	1	5	7
5	9	3	1	7	4	6	2	8

FAITH

Total surrender

When we do not see an end to our troubles, we do not know to whom we should turn for help. The Pandavas are anxious and unhappy, but sage Markandeya tells them that they need not worry, for Lord Narayana is the refuge of everyone. He will save them, says Markandeya. The Upanishads say that the Lord is father, mother and brother. We must approach the Lord in all humility, and admit that we are unworthy to be saved, elaborated Akkarakkani Srinidhi in a discourse. We must seek His forgiveness for our actions, and surrender totally at His feet.

Vibhishana's attitude at the time of his *saranagati*, is worth noting. He arrived at Lord Rama's camp, and his first words were that he was the brother of Ravana. These were hardly words that could infuse confidence in a listener, considering the kind of person Ravana was. And Vibhishana was admitting to his relationship with Ravana to Rama, who had been the most affected by Ravana. Which man, whose brother had done a heinous act like Ravana's, would volunteer the information that he was related to an offender? But Vibhishana did, and that is why his conduct stands out. He said that he had come to Rama, after having given up everything – his kingdom, his possessions, his friends – and had now placed before Rama his life and his happiness. Anyone else in Vibhishana's position would not have begun by speaking of a connection to Ravana, when he was seeking Rama's protection. But Vibhishana was unique. That is why Vibhishana *saranagati* is spoken of highly. We must acknowledge our *akinchanya* (helplessness) to Bhagavan. In fact, this helplessness itself qualifies us to receive His mercy, for who else can save us?

INBRIEF

SRPA gets self-regulated organisation tag for PSOs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recognised the payment system operators' association as a self-regulated organisation (SRO), in line with the RBI's 2024 Omnibus Framework for Recognition of SROs for Regulated Entities. Srinivasu MN, Director, Self-Regulated PSO Association (SRPA) said, "This marks an important milestone for India's digital payments ecosystem. It reflects our shared vision to build a system rooted in good governance, transparency, and innovation."

JSW Energy commissions its first green hydrogen plant

JSW Energy on Tuesday announced commissioning a green hydrogen plant in Karnataka which will support JSW Steel in the steel making process. This is the company's first and India's largest green hydrogen manufacturing plant, JSW Energy said in an exchange filing. The project is under the PLI Scheme Tranche I. Located adjacent to the JSW Steel facility at Vijayanagar, the plant will supply green hydrogen directly to the direct reduced iron unit for low-carbon steel production. PTI

Third edition of Bharat Tex to be held from July 14-17

The third edition of Bharat Tex will be held from July 14 to 17 next year at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The Bharat Tex Trade Federation (BTTF) announced this on Tuesday. BTTF is a consortium of Export Promotion Councils and industry associations. Bhadresh Dodhia, co-chair, BTTF, said the highlight of the event will be the Global Textile Dialogue 2026, bringing global industry leaders, CXOs, policy makers and sustainability experts to deliberate on Industry 4.0, ESG imperatives, and R&D collaborations.

Net direct tax collections grow 7% as refunds fall sharply

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Net direct tax collections grew by 7% in this financial year up to November 10, largely driven by a significant contraction in the refunds paid out by the Income Tax Department during this period, official data shows.

The direct tax collections data, released by the Income Tax Department on Tuesday, shows that gross collections grew 2.15% to ₹15.35 lakh crore in this financial year up to November 11. Within this, gross corporate tax collections grew 4.6% to ₹ 6.9 lakh crore. Gross non-corporate tax – which includes personal income tax – grew 0.5% during this period to ₹ 8.1 lakh crore.

"The data shows that, remarkably, non-corporate tax collections have kept pace in spite of the very significant rate cut last year," Rohinton Sidhwa, Partner at Deloitte India said. "This is a very good sign showing stronger growth of income levels." Total refunds were 17.7% lower this year than in the corresponding period of last year.

According to Mr. Sidhwa, the fact that refunds have fallen significantly could either mean that cash paying tax payers are no longer in the tax net or that the government has "consciously throttled back" on refunds.

As a result of the drop in refunds, net collections grew 7% to ₹12.9 lakh crore in this financial year up to November 11.

Neville, Bhat made trustees of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust

Board also decides to appoint Venu Srinivasan as trustee for three years effective November 12, in compliance with legal, regulatory requirements and designate him as vice-chairman of SDTT

Janaki Krishnan
Suresh P Iyengar
MUMBAI

The Board of Trustees of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, at a meeting on Tuesday, unanimously approved the induction of Bhaskar Bhat and Noel Tata's son Neville Tata as trustees with effect from November 12, 2025 for 3 years, Tata Trusts said in a statement.

The Board also decided to appoint Venu Srinivasan as trustee for three years with effect from November 12, in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and to designate him as Vice-Chairman of SDTT.

Truncated tenure: Mr. Srinivasan's reappointment was deemed to be for life, but a recent rule amendment changes that. FILE PHOTO

Maharashtra's rules

Mr. Srinivasan's tenure has been shortened to three years following a recent amendment to the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act that limits the number of lifetime trustees and imposes caps on their tenure.

The Ordinance, issued on September 1, caps perpetual trusteeships to one-fourth of the board strength and mandates fixed terms where trust deeds are silent.

"This directly affects the trusts' internal governance autonomy, as appointments and reappointments will now be subject to statutory limits rather than purely internal resolutions." said Akshat Khetan, Founder, AU Corporate Advisory and Legal Services.

Mr. Neville, 33, who is already on the board of JRD Tata Trust, Tata Social Welfare Trust and RD Tata Trust, joined retailer Trent in 2016, and manages the popular Zudio format. His father Noel is the chairman of Trent.

Bhaskar Bhat, who was previously the managing director of Titan Company, is on the board of several companies such as Kansai Nerolac Paints and Lucas TVS. He is a graduate from IIT Madras and also has a management diploma from IIM Ahmedabad. He started his career with Godrej & Boyce in 1978.

In October 2024, after the demise of Ratan Tata, a resolution was passed by Tata Trusts mandating the reappointment of trustees for life, without any tenure limits. Mr. Srinivasan's reappointment was unanimously approved and deemed to be for life, but the recent amendment to the state government's rules changes that.

Lawyers said that Noel Tata's term as life trustee could be up for review.

Gauri Jagtap, Partner Designate, King Stubb & Kasiva, Advocates and Attorneys, and Sonam Chandwani, Managing Partner of KS Legal & Associates, said the appointment of Noel Tata could be affected as the amendment "overrides any internal trust deed provisions granting such tenure."

"Since the Trusts are registered in Maharashtra, this statutory change applies to them, and lifetime appointments – even if previously resolved by the Trust – may now be vulnerable to legal scrutiny or deemed non-compliant," Ms. Jagtap said, adding that this could potentially require the Trust to revisit its governance structure and trustee tenure framework to avoid regulatory challenges.

The amendment, issued on September 1, through an Ordinance, states, "It is noticed that in various instruments of trusts there is no clarity about appointment of perpetual or permanent trustees and tenure, which leads to multiple litigations before the Charity Commissioner and the court. This affects the working of the trusts, welfare of beneficiaries and the public."

The Ordinance allows perpetual trustees only if the trust deed expressly provides for them and appointments will be permitted only against specific statutory vacancies such as death or incapacity.

Ms. Jagtap pointed out that the amendment did not prevent the Trusts from maintaining continuity or retaining influential leaders. "The board can still appoint trustees with fixed terms (for example, terms renewable every few years, subject to performance and board approval)."

Reconstitution of board

Mr. Khetan said that following the amendment, the Trusts may have to reconstitute their boards, leading to a "possible review of past lifetime appointments, raising questions of retrospective applicability and vested rights of trustees."

The trustees governing the charitable activities of the Tata Group, have been involved in a tussle over reappointments of the members and while Mr. Srinivasan's reappointment was unanimously approved, that of Mehli Mistry was rejected.

(The writers are with The Hindu businessline)

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	83,871	0.40
US Dollar	88.50	0.25
Brent oil	64.91	2.31

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2366.80	-3.90
Adani Ports	1474.40	29.50
Apollo Hosp	7501.00	-28.50
Asian Paints	2657.20	6.80
Axis Bank	1222.50	5.50
Bajaj Auto	8895.00	123.00
Bajaj Finserv	1989.40	-128.90
Bajaj Finance	1005.20	-79.80
Bharat Elec	427.30	10.45
Bharti Airtel	2042.30	22.50
Cipla	1514.90	3.40
Coal India	382.80	1.45
Dr Reddys Lab	1211.50	12.80
Tata Motors CV	260.75	0.00
Eicher Motors	6873.00	6.50
Eternal Ltd.	305.80	4.35
Grasim Ind	2775.80	12.90
HCL Tech	1570.00	29.50
HDFC Bank	991.70	7.20
HDFC Life	763.90	13.20
Hindalco	793.75	8.55
Hind Unilever	2427.50	18.70
ICICI Bank	1358.30	10.30
IntGlobeAvi	5782.50	194.00
Infosys	1530.30	16.80
ITC	406.85	1.30
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	304.90	2.95
JSW Steel	1191.50	12.20
Kotak Bank	2086.90	-5.80
L&T	3955.00	36.50
M&M	3749.10	85.20
Maruti Suzuki	15645.00	62.00
Max Healthcare	1095.40	-2.60
NestleIndia	1268.10	5.20
NTPC	326.65	1.20
ONGC	249.45	-1.95
PowerGrid Corp	267.65	-0.55
Reliance Ind	1493.40	4.10
SBI Life	1997.30	8.00
State Bank	953.30	2.15
Shriram Finance Ltd.	832.30	11.20
Sun Pharma	1716.10	18.30
TataConsumerProduct	1156.20	13.50
Tata Steel	181.04	-0.44
TCS	3047.00	21.80
Tech Mahindra	1408.00	10.20
Titan	3812.40	9.40
Tata Motors PV	407.60	-2.85
Trent Ltd.	4315.80	32.10
UltraTech Cement	11825.00	97.00
Wipro	241.69	1.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 11

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	88.41	88.74
Euro	102.30	102.70
British Pound	116.13	116.60
Japanese Yen (100)	57.31	57.54
Chinese Yuan	12.41	12.47
Swiss Franc	110.21	110.63
Singapore Dollar	67.89	68.17
Canadian Dollar	62.97	63.26
Malaysian Ringitt	21.33	21.46
Australian Dollar	57.66	57.88

Source:Indian Bank

Centre wants to 'go big' in medical tourism: Goyal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's share in global medical tourism remains 'miniscule', likely because of infrastructure and regulatory issues, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday.

He, however, said that the government wanted to work with the industry to "go big" in this area and was willing to consider various proposals made by the medical industry, such as visas on arrival for medical tourists.

Xbox unveils cloud gaming for India users

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox is launching cloud gaming for users in India, the firm announced on Tuesday. Cloud gaming allows gamers to render graphics-intensive games remotely, such that it is streamed on their local device in real time, from phones and tablets to laptops, PCs and some TVs.

Xbox, which is one of the main players in the console gaming space, has offered cloud gaming in most of its major markets; India is the 29th market to get the feature.

India is the 29th market to get the feature. AFP

Xbox's cloud gaming is available to subscribers of Game Pass, a Netflix-like catalogue service offering a selection of games to subscribers; prices range from ₹499-1,389 a month plus taxes. The main competitor to Game Pass is Sony's PlayStation Plus.

Glenmark, Zydus get China's NMPA nod

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Zydus Lifesciences has received approval from China's National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) for Venlafaxine Extended-Release (ER) Capsules, 75 mg and 150 mg.

It is the first approval for the Group from the NMPA.

On Monday, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals said the NMPA had approved its Ryaltris compound nasal spray (GSP 301 NS) for treatment of allergic rhinitis in adults and children.

Equity MF net inflows decline for third straight month in October

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Net inflows into equity mutual funds (MF) declined 18.8% to ₹24,690 crore in October, making it the third consecutive month of reduced inflows since January 2025, according to data from the Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI). Net inflows fell 21.7% in August 2025, and 9% in September 2025. With the decline in inflows in the reporting month, Indian equity mutual fund investors have reduced their inflows in eight of the 10 months.

AMFI said that the first few months of declining inflows were to reconcile backlogs in redemptions data to ensure compliance with an internal SEBI circular. Redemptions and repurchases increased 8% to ₹38,920 crore in October.

Redemptions, however, increased at a much faster pace in the previous month.

Equity mutual fund investors increased 30.5% in September 2025, making it the fastest since December 2023.

The moderation in flows is across all categories barring flexi-cap said Viraj Gandhi, CEO, SAMCO Mutual Fund, adding that this was a sign of "fatigue" from a peak of ₹42,000 crore worth inflows in July 2025.

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NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up of the post of 1 No. DIRECTOR (FINANCE) in APEPDCL. The format of application and other details may be downloaded from APEPDCL Website @ **www.apeasternpower.com**.

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No: 0704/GP/B4/2025-26/1314 dt.10.11.2025

TENDER NOTICE-I

Online Tenders are invited on GeM Portal from the eligible and qualified Manufacturer/Importer/Authorized Agent for supply of various Machinery and Equipments including Orbital Atherectomv System, Echo Scanner, Ultrasound Scanner, Endovision Camera, OCTA Fundus Camera, Computerized Corneal Tomography, Tread Mill ECG System, Ventilators, Clinical Analyzer with ISE, Vitrectomy with Phacoemulsification, etc., up to 28.11.2025. The details of the tenders, terms and conditions and tender document can be downloaded from the website **www.gem.gov.in** and also be viewed in **www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app & www.health.py.gov.in.**

TENDER NOTICE-II

Online e-bids are invited from the eligible manufacturers/authorized agents/wholesale distributors/traders for entering rate contracts for the following tenders for use of the Health Institutions in the U.T of Puducherry for a period of one year.

Sl. No	Name of Tender	Tender Reference Number	Tender ID
1.	Fixing Rate Contract towards supply of Medicines & Drugs.	1402/CGP/B4/ Med/RC-2/25-26	2025_HFWS_254187_1
2.	Fixing Rate Contract towards supply of Surgical & Ortho items.	1402/CGP/B4/ Sur/RC-2/25-26	2025_HFWS_254186_1
3.	Fixing Rate Contract towards supply of Laboratory Consumables.	1402/CGP/B4/ Lab/RC-2/ 25-26	2025_HFWS_254849_1
4.	Fixing Rate Contract towards supply of Dental Consumables.	1505/CGP/B5/ Dental/RC/25-26	2025_HFWS_254845_1

The bidders may download the "Tender Document" and other details from the website **www.etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app.** The tender document may also be downloaded from the website **www.health.py.gov.in.** The Last date for submission of bids is 10.12.2025 up to 17.30 hrs.

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ROADS & BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

Stage-I permission for diversion of 8.488 Ha of forest land for **"Widening to 2 Lane with paved shoulders of Medak - Siddipet section from Km 0/000 to Km 69/978 of NH-765DG** in the State of Telangana under Annual Plan 2021-22 on EPC Basis in Medak district Forest Division in favour of Chief Engineer, MORTH, Government of India, Hyderabad for a period of two years has be accorded by the MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE Government of India, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, vide Proposal No. **FP/TG/ROAD/487733/2024, Dt: 04-09-2025**.

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NOTIFICATION

The 30th Convocation for 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024 batches of Students, is tentatively scheduled to be held in the month of December 2025 The exact date will be notified in the University website. The rank holders and Ph.D scholars will be invited through "Online Registration" for attending the Convocation "In Person". All others will be awarded Degree "In absentia" only. The students are advised to refer the University Website www.pondiuni.edu.in from time to time for latest updates.

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WASHINGTON

End to U.S. govt. shutdown in sight as stopgap Bill advances to House

AFP

After 40 days, the longest U.S. government shutdown neared resolution on Monday as eight Democrats joined Republicans in a 60-40 Senate vote for a stopgap Bill reopening the government, restoring SNAP food aid, and promising a future vote on health care, despite backlash over unguaranteed subsidy extensions. AFP

TOKYO

Japanese stage and movie actor Tatsuya Nakadai dies aged 92

Japanese stage and movie actor Tatsuya Nakadai, who starred in a string of Akira Kurosawa films, including the lead in *Ran*, has died aged 92, his acting school said on Tuesday, without disclosing details. He was the main protagonist in *Kagemusha* (1980), which won the Palme d'Or top prize at the Cannes film festival. AFP

DAMASCUS

Thieves steal Roman-era statues from Syria's national museum

REUTERS

Thieves broke into Syria's national museum in Damascus, stealing six Roman-era marble statues, officials said on Tuesday. The theft, discovered on Monday, prompted a brief closure as authorities investigated. The museum, reopened after Bashar al-Assad's ouster, had reinforced security following years of looting. AP

BAGHDAD

Iraqis vote in parliamentary election marked by tight security

AP

Iraqis headed to the polls on Tuesday to vote in a parliamentary election marked by tight security and a boycott by a major political bloc — the popular Sadrist Movement, led by influential Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Turnout was sparse in the early hours of Tuesday. Initial results were expected on Wednesday. AP

Militant bid to seize cadets at Pak. Army-run college foiled

Associated Press
DERA ISMAIL KHAN

A swift response by security forces thwarted a Pakistani Taliban attempt to seize cadets at an army-run college in Wana, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the police said on Tuesday.

A suicide car bomber and five other attackers targeted the facility on Monday night, triggering heavy gunfire. Two militants were killed early, while three were cornered in an administrative block away from cadets' dorms. Sixteen civilians and some troops were also wounded.

Pakistan's military blamed the outlawed Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, accusing India and Afghan handlers, though the group denied involvement.

12 killed as suicide bomber targets an Islamabad court

A breakaway faction of the Pakistani Taliban, the Jamaat-ul-Ahrar group, claims responsibility for the attack; Pakistan's Interior Minister alleges that 'India-backed elements' carried out the attack

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD

A suicide bomber struck outside the gates of a district court in Islamabad on Tuesday, detonating his explosives next to a police car and killing 12 people, Pakistan's Interior Minister said, the latest in an uptick in violence across the country.

Witnesses described scenes of mayhem in the immediate aftermath of the explosion, which also wounded 27 people. The blast was heard for miles away and came at a busy time of day when the area outside the court is typically crowded with hundreds of visitors attending court hearings.

Deadly explosion: Firefighters douse flames from a car at the blast site outside a district court complex in Islamabad on Tuesday. AFP

A breakaway faction of the Pakistani Taliban, the Jamaat-ul-Ahrar group, later claimed responsibility for the attack.

The attacker tried to "enter the court premises but, failing to do so, targeted a police vehicle", Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi told presspersons. Earlier reports by Pakistani state-run media and two security officials said a car bomb had caused the explosion.

Mr. Naqvi alleged that the attack was "carried out by Indian-backed elements and Afghan Taliban proxies" linked to the Pakistani Taliban. Still, he said authorities are "looking into all aspects" of the explosion.

Mr. Naqvi said the discovery nearby of a severed head, which the police said belonged to the attacker, confirmed the blast was a suicide attack. The attacker was also later spotted in CCTV footage from the site, he said.

Trump hosts al-Sharaa for a first-of-its-kind meeting

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump hosted Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa at the White House on Monday, welcoming the once-pariah state into a U.S.-led global coalition to fight the Islamic State group.

Mr. Sharaa arrived at the White House around 11.30 a.m. for his Oval Office meeting, which was closed to the press.

"We'll do everything we can to make Syria successful because that's part of the Middle East (West Asia)," Mr. Trump told presspersons later on Monday. The U.S. President said of Mr. Sharaa that "I have confidence that he'll be able to do the job."

Mr. Sharaa, in an interview on Fox News, said he

Building ties: Donald Trump shakes hands with Ahmed al-Sharaa at the White House in Washington DC on Monday. AFP

and Mr. Trump talked about investment opportunities in Syria in the future, "so that Syria is no longer looked at as a security threat. It is now looked at as a geopolitical ally. And it's a place where the United States can have great investments, especially extracting gas."

Syria formally confirmed that it would join the global coalition against the Islamic State group during Mr. Sharaa's visit, becoming its 90th member, according to a senior U.S. administration official.

Syria's Foreign Ministry described the meeting as "friendly and constructive" and said Mr. Trump "affirmed the readiness of U.S. to provide the support Syrian leadership needs".

Turkish military plane crashes in Georgia

Agence France-Presse
ISTANBUL

A Turkish military cargo plane carrying 20 passengers and crew crashed in Georgia on its way home from Azerbaijan, the Defence Ministry said on Tuesday.

"Our C-130 military cargo plane, which took off from Azerbaijan to return home, has crashed at the Georgia-Azerbaijan border," the Ministry said in a statement, confirming there were "20 personnel on board, including the flight crew". Search and rescue operations were ongoing, it added.

Footage circulating in Azerbaijani media appeared to show the plane spinning horizontally as it fell out of the sky, sending up a large cloud of black smoke after crashing.

Footage said to be from the crash site purportedly showed the blackened wreckage burning as several bystanders watched in a field. Turkiye's Defence Ministry asked the press not to publish images of the crash.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Turkiye was working with the Georgian authorities "to reach the wreckage", expressing sorrow "for our martyrs".

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'Foiled plot to hijack missile-carrying jet'

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russia said on Tuesday it had foiled an Anglo-Ukrainian plot to hijack a military jet carrying a hypersonic missile which they planned to take to Romania in a "large-scale provocation".

Kyiv rejected the accusations and accused Russia of spreading "propaganda".

Russia, which launched its full-scale offensive against Ukraine in 2022, regularly accuses Kyiv and its European allies of brazen sabotage operations on its soil, often without providing evidence.

Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) said it had "uncovered and thwarted an operation by the... Ukrainian Ministry of Defence and its British supervisors to steal a Russian MiG-31 high-altitude supersonic fighter jet, which carries the Kinzhal hypersonic air-launched missile". It accused Kyiv of trying to "recruit Russian pilots" by promising them $3 million and citizenship of a Western country.

The FSB said it thwarted a plan by Kyiv to have the plane flown towards a NATO base in the Romania, where it would have been "shot down".

Kyiv rejected the accusations and accused Russia of spreading 'propaganda'

Typhoon toll in Philippines hits 25 amid rescue work

Agence France-Presse
TUGUEGARAO CITY

Rescuers using backhoes and chainsaws began digging the Philippines out from the devastation of Typhoon Fung-wong on Tuesday, as floodwaters receded in hundreds of villages and the storm's death toll climbed to 25.

Fung-wong, which displaced 1.4 million people, had weakened into a severe tropical storm even as it began dumping rain on neighbouring Taiwan ahead of an expected Wednesday landfall.

It was the second major typhoon to hit the Philippines in days.

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South Africa Test series crucial for new WTC cycle, says Siraj

FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

India pacer Mohammed Siraj is confident of putting up a strong show against South Africa in the Test series beginning in Kolkata on Friday. "This series is crucial for the new WTC cycle, especially since South Africa is the defending champion. While they drew 1-1 with Pakistan, we're confident from our own good form," Siraj said.

BIDDING WAR

Abu Dhabi set to host the IPL auction in mid-December

GETTY IMAGES

The Indian Premier League auction will be held in Abu Dhabi mid-December, a BCCI official told *PTI* on Tuesday. It will be the third time the auction is held abroad after Dubai (2023) and Jeddah (2024). It is likely to be held on December 15 or 16. It would be a mini-auction following the mega-auction in Saudi Arabia last year.

KEY PLAYER

He's the most important man in this side: Duckett on Stokes

AP

England opener Ben Duckett called captain Ben Stokes "probably the most important man" in the team. "He's obviously probably the most important man in this side when he's bowling. So hopefully he stays fit for all five Tests and he's bowling in all of them because he's crucial for us," Duckett said.

SWANSONG

Ronaldo confirms 2026 FIFA World Cup will be his last

AP

Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo on Tuesday said next year's World Cup would be his last. "Definitely. I'm gonna be 41 years old and I think it will be the moment," said Ronaldo. Portugal is yet to qualify for the 2026 tournament in the USA, Canada and Mexico, but can secure its spot if it beats Ireland on Thursday.

Indian players split points in the first game of fourth round

Pranav and Praggnanandhaa work hard for a stalemate; Arjun, Harikrishna and Karthik have it peaceful while playing with black; Aronian and Alcantara register victories

CHESS WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

After posting three wins in a row, Arjun Erigiaisi seems to be taking it a bit easy. He still looks probably the most solid player at the Chess World Cup, though.

He drew his first game in the fourth round with the Hungarian veteran Peter Leko at Resort Rio on Tuesday. That was, in fact, his second straight draw in the tournament.

The half-a-point with black pieces, off just 20 moves, against Leko wasn't a bad result, though. Another piece of fine homework saw Arjun blitzing through the opening moves – Sicilian Four Knights –- and drawing by repetition of moves.

It was a peaceful day for the other Indians as well: third seed R. Praggnanandhaa, P. Harikrishna, V. Pranav and Karthik Venkataraman all drew their games.

It took the World junior champion Pranav, playing white, get the draw in 82 moves from his higher-rated Uzbek opponent Nodirbek Yakubboev.

Praggnanandhaa, also playing white, had to work hard for his half-point from his formidable Russian rival Daniil Dubov. He had to come back from an inferior position in their Spanish Game that lasted 41 moves.

Marathon match: Pranav battled for 82 moves to hold on for a draw. FIDE

Karthik, only one of the two remaining players with less than 2600 Elo rating, indeed looked pleased after holding his much stronger Vietnamese rival Le Quang Liem to a draw with black pieces.

He has had a great run here, registering a couple of upsets already.

"So far the tournament has gone well for me," Karthik said.

"Somehow I am holding my own. In this game, I had some slight disadvantages in the opening but I managed to make a draw quite easily and I am quite optimistic about my chances in the second game."

Only two players will go into that second game with one full point against their names. Levon Aronian, the 15th seed from the United States, and Mexico's Jose Martínez Alcantara, who had stunned the eighth seed Nodirbek Abudsattorov in the previous round, were the only winners on this day.

Aronian, a two-time World Cup winner, defeated Radoslaw Wojtaszek of Poland, while Alcantara beat Alexey Sarana.

The results (fourth round): Frederik Svane (Ger) drew with Shant Sargsyan (Arm); Peter Leko (Hun) drew with Arjun Erigaisi; R. Praggnanandhaa drew with Danill Dubov (Rus); Matthias Bluebaum (Ger) drew with Alexander Donchenko (Ger); V. Pranav drew with Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb); Andrey Esipenko (Rus) drew with Vincent Keymer (Ger); Wei Yi (Chn) drew with Parham Maghsoodloo (Ira).

Alexey Sarana (Srb) lost to Jose Martínez Alcantara (Mex); Nils Grandelius (Swe) drew with P. Harikrishna; Samuel Sevian (USA) drew with Lorenzo Lodici (Ita); Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra) drew with Aleksey Grebnev (Rus).

Awonder Liang (USA) drew with Gabriel Sargissian (Arm); Le Quang Liem (Vie) drew with Karthik Venkataraman; Sam Shankland (USA) drew with Richard Rapport (Hun); Levon Aronian (USA) bt Radoslaw Wojtaszek (Pol); Yu Yangyi (Chn) drew with Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb).

Gill and Sai Sudharsan sweat it out at the nets

SA IN INDIA

Press Trust of India
KOLKATA

Transitioning from the shorter formats to the rigours of red-ball cricket takes time, and India captain Shubman Gill spent close to an hour-and-a-half at the nets, fine-tuning his technique ahead of the opening Test against South Africa, starting here on Friday.

Gill, who struck a fifty and an unbeaten century in the two home Tests against the West Indies last month, had been searching for runs in white-ball cricket.

Now back to leading the Test side, Gill batted with determination at nets and looked keen to regain rhythm after a lean white-ball run.

Before the nets, head coach Gautam Gambhir and assistant coach Sitanshu Kotak were seen having a long chat with him near the High Court end, possibly discussing his approach.

Gill later joined his teammates for slip-fielding drills before padding up alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal for an intense net session.

Another batter to spend significant time at the nets was B. Sai Sudharsan, who managed just 84 runs in two unofficial Tests for India-A against South Africa-A.

The team management continues to back him for the No. 3 slot, though he is yet to make it his own, with

Going for it: Gill left no stone unturned as he prepared for the South Africa Tests. PTI

only a 61 against England in Manchester and 87 versus West Indies at home to show so far in Tests.

His India-A teammates – K.L. Rahul, Dhruv Jurel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj – skipped the optional practice after joining the squad only a day earlier after a demanding A series in Bengaluru, which concluded on Sunday.

But there was no such 'break' for Sai Sudharsan who batted with full intensity, facing pacers, spinners, and taking throwdowns at the centre strip.

The South Africa team also trained with a clear intent – to attack spin and unsettle rhythm of the bowlers, ahead of the opening Test against India.

Charged up

With a fit-again skipper Temba Bavuma returning to lead the side for the first time since guiding them to their maiden World Test Championship title in June, South Africa looked charged up in their first session attended by their full squad. The intent was evident as they launched into an attacking net session that revolved around countering spin.

Esha-Samrat, Aishwary win silver at the Worlds

SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

Esha Singh and Samrat Rana combined to claim silver in the 10m air pistol mixed team event, going down 10-16 to the Chinese pair of Qianxun Yao and Kai Hu in the gold medal match at the ISSF World Championships in Cairo on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar finished second in the men's 50m rifle 3P with 466.9 points behind China's Liu Yukun (467.1) and ahead of France's Romain Aufrere (454.8). Niraj Kumar, the other Indian in the final, shot 432.6 to end fifth.

Indians archers on a roll at the Asian c'ship

Sports Bureau

Indians ensured multiple medals for the country in both the recurve and compound events at the Asian archery championships in Dhaka on Tuesday.

B. Dhiraj, Rahul, Ankita Bhakat, Deepika Kumari, Sangeeta, made the semifinals in the individual recurve category, while Prithika Pradeep and V. Jyothi Sureak made it in the compound section.

Playing in front of home crowd will be an advantage: Shrivalli

BJK CUP

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

With five wins in as many matches at the Billie Jean King Cup Asia Oceania Group 1, Shrivalli Bhamidipaty played a significant role in India's passage to the playoffs.

Shrivalli, equipped with a big serve and crisp forehand, must now further elevate her game in this business end of the tournament.

In the playoff ties commencing here on Friday, Shrivalli and her Indian tennis teammates must punch above their weight against Slovenia and Netherlands.

Shrivalli, the World No. 381, backs herself to do well against higher-ranked opponents.

The tall 23-year-old can draw on her successes in the previous round, where three of her five wins came against players ranked above her.

Confident: Shrivalli is backing herself to do well against higher-ranked opponents K. MURALI KUMAR

"Every match will be tough, but rankings do not matter. I think most of us in the Indian team – myself, Sahaja (Yamalapalli) and others have beaten quite a few higher ranked players in the past," Shrivalli told *The Hindu* after a practice session at the S.M. Krishna Tennis Stadium here on Tuesday.

The outings over three days will mark the first time that India hosts the Billie Jean King Cup playoffs. To play in front of a home crowd will give the team a tremendous boost, Shrivalli said.

"The biggest advantage we have is the home crowd. There should be a lot of people coming to cheer and back us.

"That gives a lot more energy to the team, especially when we are here to play for our country. It is a great opportunity for all of us, and we are really excited," Shrivalli said.

Alcaraz overcomes Fritz; Sinner also wins

ATP FINALS

Associated Press
TURIN

Carlos Alcaraz is one win away from securing the year-ending No. 1 ranking.

The top-seeded Spaniard, who rallied past American Taylor Fritz 6-7 (2), 7-5, 6-3 on Tuesday at the ATP Finals, needs to either win his final Jimmy Connors group match against Lorenzo Musetti or a semifinal to finish on top for the second time in his career.

If Alcaraz doesn't win another match and Jannik Sinner goes undefeated to defend his title, the Italian will finish No. 1.

Alcaraz produced 47 winners to Fritz's 38 and managed to come back from a set down despite 14 aces from his American opponent.

Meanwhile on Monday, champion Sinner got off to a solid start before his home fans with a 7-5, 6-1 win over an injury-struck Felix Auger-Aliassime of Canada in the Bjorn Borg Group. Auger-Aliassime appeared slowed by a left calf issue that arose near the end of the first set. He was twice treated by a trainer during the second set.

"It was very tough until 6-5 and then he had a physical issue," said second seed Sinner, referring to when he broke the Canadian's serve to close out the first set.

Sinner won here last year and hasn't lost at the event since the 2023 final to Novak Djokovic.

There was a sign held aloft in the crowd that labeled Sinner "Italian pride" and Sinner was serenaded with a soccer-like chant of "Ole, ole, ole. Sinner, Sin-ner" during his on-court post-match interview.

"It's a special tournament and place for me," he said.

Sinner had won all four of his meetings with Auger-Aliassime this year, including a U.S. Open semifinal and the recent Paris Masters final.

Venkatesh Prasad to contest for KSCA president's post

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Former India cricketer Venkatesh Prasad announced his candidature for the post of president in the upcoming Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) elections.

Prasad received support from stalwarts Anil Kumble and Javagal Srinath, who were present at the announcement event here on Tuesday.

The KSCA elections are scheduled to be held on November 30.

"We have come together because we believe Karnataka cricket needs to be rebuilt. All the cricketers of Karnataka are behind us in this effort.

"Our goal is to restore the pride of the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, build infrastructure across the State and strengthen the pathway for young players," Prasad said.

As part of Prasad's 'Team Game Chargers', Sujith Somasundar (for Vice President), Vinay Mruthyunjaya (for Secretary), A.V. Shashidhar (for Joint Secretary) and B.N. Madhukar (for Treasurer) were also nominated to contest for other posts.

Big support: Kumble, left, and Srinath, right, have backed Prasad's candidature for the KSCA top post. K. MURALI KUMAR

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Kumble spoke passionately about the reclaiming the lost glory of the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, which has been barred from hosting international matches after the stampede during RCB's IPL victory celebrations.

"The stampede was a black-mark for all of us. That cannot be undone. But what certainly can be done is to reclaim the glory of Karnataka cricket," Kumble added.

Kumble also said that while India claiming the 2025 Women's Cricket World Cup trophy was a fine achievement, it pained him that there were no Karnataka players in the side.

For the president post, Prasad will contest against K.N. Shanth Kumar, Director of The Printers (Mysore) Pvt. Limited.

Agarwal hits ton as Karnataka settles for a draw against Maharashtra

The skipper's partnership with Abhinav keeps the opposition bowlers at bay; the home team toils on the final day without much success

RANJI TROPHY

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

If the penultimate day had the drama of a typical Bollywood thriller, the finale turned out to be a tame climax. Karnataka, choosing safety over adventure, batted out the final day to secure a draw – with Mayank Agarwal's century and Abhinav Manohar's near-miss, the only moments of note in an otherwise dull finish to the Ranji Trophy Group B clash against Maharashtra at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium on Tuesday.

Agarwal (103, 249b, 8x4, 1x6) and Abhinav, who made a fluent 96 (161, 11x4, 2x6), shared a 92-run stand that ensured Karnataka's slender 13-run first-innings lead remained decisive. When the teams shook hands for an early tea, Karnataka had reached 302 for eight, content to walk away with three points while Maharashtra settled for one. Starting the day at 144 for five, Karnataka appeared vulnerable. Maharashtra sensed a chance to engineer a chase, but Agarwal and Abhinav defied them with patience and precision.

The pair adopted a cautious approach against tweakers Jalaj Saxena and Vicky Ostwal, grinding out runs on a slow surface that offered little assistance to the bowlers. Agarwal survived an early leg-before shout, while wicketkeeper Saurabh Nawale missed a stumping chance off Abhinav – two moments that tilted the morning session in Karnataka's favour.

Once Agarwal reached his 19th First Class hundred before missing a flick off offie Siddhesh Veer, any hopes of a Maharashtra resurgence faded.

With Karnataka showing no urgency to accelerate, the game drifted.

Abhinav opened up briefly, hitting three boundaries off Rajneesh Gurbani, but perished four short of a century, offering Ostwal a return catch while trying to loft him straight.

With the visitors in control, Maharashtra didn't press hard, resting Mukesh Choudhary, who didn't bowl on the final day. In the end, Karnataka's cautious approach paid off, securing three points, while Maharashtra were left ruing the slender deficit in the first innings.

The scores: Karnataka – 1st innings: 313.

Maharashtra – 1st innings: 300.

Karnataka – 2nd innings: Aneesh K.V. c Arshin b Ostwal 17, Mayank Agarwal b Veer 103, K.L. Shrijith b Choudhary 29, Karun Nair c Ghosh b Choudhary 15, R. Smaran lbw b Choudhary 4, Abhilash Shetty lbw b Saxena 4, Abhinav Manohar c & b Ostwal 96, Shreyas Gopal (not out) 24, Venkatesh M. c Nawale b Gurbani 4, Mohsin Khan (not out) 0. Extras (b-9, lb-2, nb-1, w-1): 13; Total (for eight wkts. in 110 overs): 309.

Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-98, 3-131, 4-135, 5-144, 6-236, 7-302, 8-309.

Maharashtra bowling: Choudhary 18-2-70-3, Ghosh 11-1-32-0, Saxena 31-3-84-1, Ostwal 33-16-49-2, Gurbani 8-0-34-1, Veer 9-2-29-1.

On song: Agarwal's patient knock ensured Karnataka secured three points. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Captain Agarwal happy with three points

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

Minutes after Shreyas Gopal was named Player of the Match, Karnataka captain Mayank Agarwal wore a look of quiet satisfaction. Not only had he extended his remarkable record in Pune – where he now boasts a Test hundred, a Ranji triple hundred, and another century – but he had also guided the team to a hard-fought draw that earned it three points in the Ranji Trophy match against Maharashtra.

"Very happy with three points," Agarwal said on Tuesday. "We were very pleased to get a 13-run lead. We had plans to have another go at Maharashtra, but the way they bowled after tea, they put us in a spot of bother. We couldn't play the free-flowing cricket needed to set up a result. Still, very happy with how we played."

Agarwal, who scored 103, acknowledged that the cautious approach in the morning session was decisive. "If we had lost a couple of wickets early, they would have been all over us," he said.

Vihaan to lead India under -19 A

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Vihaan Malhotra was named captain of the India u-19 A squad for an triangular series (in Bengaluru from Nov. 17 to 30) also featuring India u-19 B and Afghanistan u-19 teams.

The teams: India U-19 A: Vihaan Malhotra (Capt.), Abhigyan Kundu (Vice-capt. & wk), Wafi Kachchhi, Vansh Acharya, V.K. Vineeth, Lakshya Raichandani, A. Rapole (wk), Kanishk Chouhan, Khilan A. Patel, Anmoljeet Singh, Mohamed Enaan, Henil Patel, Ashutosh Mahida, Aditya Rawat, and Mohammed Malik.

India U-19 B: Aaron George (Capt.), Vedant Trivedi (Vice-capt.), Yuvraj Gohil, Maulyarajsinh Chavda, Rahul Kumar, Harvansh Singh (wk), Anvay Dravid (wk), R.S. Ambrish, B.K. Kishore, Naman Pushpak, J. Hemchudeshan, Udhav Mohan, Ishan Sood, D. Deepesh, and Rohit Kumar Das.

RANJI SCORES - ROUND 4 (DAY FOUR)

Elite: Group A:

At Nagpur: Vidarbha 286 & 218/2 decl. bt Odisha 160 & 244 in 84 overs (Swastik Samal 65, Gaurav Choudhary 47, Govinda Poddar 46, Parth Rekhade 5/80). **Vidarbha 6 (19); Odisha 0 (1).**

Vadodara: Jharkhand 506 & 226/4 in 66 overs (Shikhar Mohan 102 n.o., Virat Singh 64) drew with Baroda 291. **Jharkhand 3 (18); Baroda 1 (9).**

Group B: Pune: Karnataka 313 & 309/7 decl in 110 overs (Mayank Agarwal 103, Abhinav Manohar 96) drew with Maharashtra 300. **Karnataka 3 (14); Maharashtra 1 (11).**

Porvorim: Goa 284 & 230 lost to Madhya Pradesh 187 & 328/7 in 94 overs (Harsh Gawali 54, Shubham Sharma 72, Saransh Jain 82 n.o.). **Goa 0 (11); MP 6 (15).**

Thiruvananthapuram: Saurashtra 160 & 402/8 decl in 98 overs (Arpit Vasavada 74, Chirag Jani 152, Prerak Mankad 62, MD Nidheesh 4/83) drew with Kerala 233 & 154/3 in 63 overs (Varun Nayanar 66 n.o., Ahammed Imran 42 n.o.). **Saurashtra 1 (6); Kerala 3 (5).**

Group C: Surat: Bengal 474 bt Railways 222 & 132 in 55.5 overs (f/o) (Shahbaz Ahmed 7/56). **Bengal 7 (20); Railways 0 (4).**

Agartala: Tripura 602/7 decl. drew with Assam 238 & 367/7 in 117.4 overs (f/o) (Denish Das 103, Sumit Ghadigaonkar 54, Sibsankar Roy 101 n.o.). **Tripura 3 (6); Assam 1 (3).**

Group D: Delhi: Delhi 211 & 277 lost to Jammu & Kashmir 310 & 179/3 in 43.3 overs (Qamran Iqbal 133 n.o.). **Delhi 0 (7); J&K: 6 (14).**

Hyderabad: Hyderabad 364 & 244/9 decl. in 78 overs (Rahul Singh Gahlaut 59, K. Himateja 41, K. Rohit Rayudu 42, Mahipal Lomror 4/51) drew with Rajasthan 269 & 207/3 in 57 overs (Sachin Yadav 44, Salman Khan 79, Mahipal Lomror 40). **Points: Hyderabad 3 (13); Rajasthan 1 (10).**

Plate: At Rangpo: Bihar 265 & 392/6 in 115.1 overs (Mangal Mahrour 59, Sraman Nigrodh 45, Ayush Loharuka 40, Kumar Rajnish 52, Bipin Saurabh 100 n.o., Suraj Kashyap 60 n.o.) drew with Sikkim 429. **Bihar 1 (10); Sikkim 3 (8).**

Anand: Manipur 400 & 12/5 in 5 overs bt Mizoram 143 & 268 in 73.5 overs (f/o) (Armaan Jaffer 81, Joseph Lalthankhuma 69, Kishan Singha 5/95). **Manipur 6 (17); Mizoram 0 (9).**

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A glimmer of hope – and two crucial questions for the KSCA

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

So, there's to be no World T20 match next year in Bengaluru, one of India's major cricket centres. Earlier, the inaugural match of the Women's World Cup (which India won) was taken away. The Chinnaswamy Stadium hasn't hosted a match since the stampede in June that killed 11 fans during the RCB celebrations following the IPL win.

Where does the home of Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Chandrasekhar, Gundappa Vishwanath, Shanta Rangaswamy, Anil Kumble, Rahul Dravid go from here?

Speaking to a range of players and officials has been enlightening. The word that was used most often was 'mess'. For some time now, the Karnataka State Cricket Association has had no President (after Raghuram Bhat was elected Treasurer of the Board of Control for Cricket in India), and no Secretary or Treasurer (after A. Shankar and E.S. Jairam respectively resigned following the stampede). The KSCA Constitution states that vacancies should be filled within 45 days.

Now there's a glimmer of hope – elections that were to be held by September 30 are finally being held on November 30. In one corner is Test star Venkatesh Prasad and his team and in the other, media magnate Shanth Kumar and his team. Both men with clean records and an unblemished public image.

Shanth Kumar's is, somewhat surprisingly, called 'Team Brijesh'. This is Brijesh Patel, who is 73 and cannot contest because he is above the age limit of 70. "This is just to say I am supporting them," Patel says, "Just a message."

Whoever is elected will have to deal with two important issues: one, practical, focused on the game itself, and the other the proxy control that seems to afflict many cricket associations in India. This latter is the back-seat driving that has got around some of the Supreme Court's amendments to the Lodha Commission recommendations. Rather like in politics where a chief minister's wife takes charge to keep the seat warm, as it were (like when Lalu Prasad Yadav's wife succeed him as Chief Minister in Bihar). Cricket officials learn from the best!

Niranjan Shah's son Jaydev Shah extended his family's hold over Saurashtra cricket as did N. Srinivasan's daughter Rupa in Tamil Nadu. Niranjan had been secretary of the Saurashtra Cricket Association for 43 years, long enough for many to wonder if the name should be changed to 'Shahrashtra'. By one calculation, nearly a third of the national associations are run by sons, relatives, or those beholden to former officials or politicians.

Influence-peddling for political, personal, business reasons is a cricketing speciality; you only have to follow the career of some officials to understand this. Cricket-loyalty trumps party-loyalty even, and not in a nice way. Getting around the constitution has become a national sport, and sports associations are masters at it. There's more politics in cricket than vice versa, which is a pity.

Decades ago, Brijesh Patel ended a fiefdom and brought a breath of fresh air to the KSCA when he led a group of cricketers to oust C. Nagaraj who had been in office in various capacities for years. Now he says, "You know cricketers don't always make the best administrators. There are plenty of examples in India."

E.S. Jairam, who resigned following the stampede, is the Shanth Kumar group's secretary. The secretary in Prasad's team is former cricketer Sujith Somasunder.

Prasad's view

"Our focus is on the game," says Prasad, "The stadium built by a giant like Chinnaswamy is in a mess. The cricketing structure needs to be strengthened. The YSR and Group II league which have not been held in recent years need to be revived. Likewise with women's league cricket."

Whoever comes to power will also have to deal with the government, especially regarding the return of top flight cricket to the Chinnaswamy Stadium. Past experience has shown that the authorities, both at the civic and governmental level, are not above demanding their pound of flesh for what they see as favours rendered to the cricketing body.

Fans – the game's biggest stake-holders although they are seldom treated as such – will have to bide their time before some of its sheen returns to the KSCA. The elections are a start, but progress will depend on how the two important issues are addressed.

SNAPSHOTS

Hussain advances; Haohui stuns Advani

India's Hussain Khan scored a 4-3 [73-49, 59-30, 68-73(61), 36-48, 60-140, 44-59, 85-37 win over Australia's Hassan Kerde to enter the men's pre-quarterfinals of the IBSF World snooker championships in Doha on Tuesday.
Earlier, Deng Haohui defeated Pankaj Advani 4-1 [66-24, 71-38, 62-11, 46-79(53), 70-42] as the Indian bowed out of the tournament. In the women's draw, four Indians advanced to the knockout rounds with Amee Kamani topping Group D.
The top four in the re-seeding after the league phase advanced directly to the quarterfinals.
Keerthana Pandian, too, topped her group, but finished fifth (on frame average) to make the pre-quarters.
Also moving into the last-16 are Natasha Chethan, who finished second in Group E, and Anupama Ramachandran (No. 2 in Group F).

Anahat makes a winning start

Reigning National women's champion Anahat Singh made a winning start at the China Open squash in Shanghai on Tuesday, but compatriots Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar lost in the men's opening round. Anahat, ranked 38th in the world, defeated Egypt's Menna Hamed 11-6, 11-8, 11-3 in a round-of-32 contest of the PSA Gold event. She will next meet Egyptian eighth seed and World No. 15 Sana Ibrahim. France's Baptiste Masotti defeated Abhay 11-8, 11-7, 11-4, while Egyptian Mohamed Abouelghar put it across Velavan 11-8, 12-14, 11-6.

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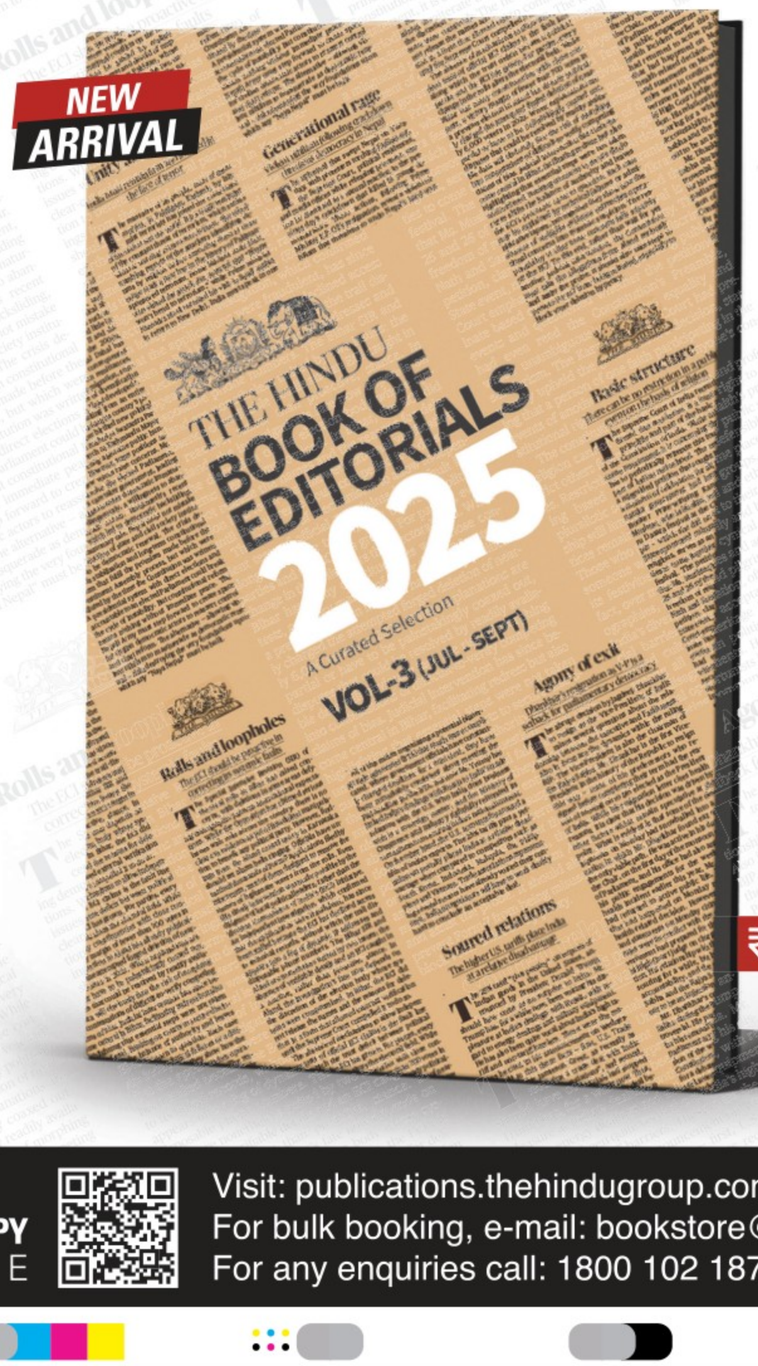

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